

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING
March 7, 2019

MINUTES

Attendance: Juli Vanderhoop, Gary Haley, Jim Newman, Marsha Shufrin, Elise Lebovit, Max Adderson, Angela Cywinski, Harald Sheid, David manzillo, Paul Manning, Randhi, Jeffrey Madison (Town Administrator)

At 2:07 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Haley

Review of minutes was deferred

Assessor Outsourcing Presentation (No Action Taken)

The Board heard a presentation by Harald Sheid, President of Regional Resource Group of Leominster. There was much discussion following the presentation. Both Elise LeBovit and Angela Cywinski questioned whether outsourcing was appropriate for Aquinnah. They also raised questions about the sincerity of the presentation. The Selectmen took the presentation under advisement.

Review of Cliff Lease w/ Tribe (Rent increased 8%)

The Board discussed the lease between the Tribe and Town for lots at the Cliffs. Based on improvements made to the area the Selectmen voted to increase the rent by 8%. The vote was unanimous.

Church Street Traffic (No action taken)

The Selectmen discussed the number and weight of trucks continually taking fill down Church Street from the Tribe's purported casino site. It was pointed out that the blacktop on the street was being stressed by the weight of the trucks. Chief Belain commented that it was within the power of the Selectmen to place a limit on weight of trucks using the road. It was pointed out that the Tribe had refused to consider that the trucks passed by the Library at speeds that did not consider that children use that building. Ultimately no action was taken.

Municipal Housing Trust Counsel Authorization (No action taken)

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting

Police Chief Contract (No action taken)

Board was provided notice by the Town Administrator that the employment contract with Chief Belain expires at the end of June. By terms of the contract it will renew for one year under the terms of the existing agreement due to his not having provided proper notice of a desire by the Selectmen to renegotiate. The Selectmen asked that the Town Administrator provide notice to Chief Belain that they should enter contract negotiations prior to next year's budget cycle.

Meeting was adjourned.