

ARTICLE TWENTY
Board of Selectmen

To see if the town will vote pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 42 of the Massachusetts General Laws to change the town boundary line between Chilmark and Aquinnah between Menemsha Pond and Menemsha Bight. Plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE TWENTY ONE
Board of Health

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Fertilizer Management District of Critical Planning Concern Regulations as approved by the Martha's Vineyard Commission:

TOWN OF AQUINNAH BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS

Board of Health Regulation

(2/3rds VOTE REQUIRED)

**THE CONTENT AND APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER FOR TURF
ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD, TOWN OF AQUINNAH**

SECTION 1. FINDINGS

1.1 This Section details the public health and ecological foundations for the regulation of the use of fertilizer on turf in Aquinnah.

1.2 In appropriate concentrations, nitrogen in the form of oxides plays a critical role in the nitrogen cycle and is essential to life. In excess, these forms of nitrogen represent an environmental pollutant that has the potential to harm our water resources, and ultimately damage human health. Excessive amounts of nitrogen, as well as phosphorus, contribute to undesirable algal and aquatic plant growth, and degrade the water used for drinking and shellfishing as well as swimming and boating.

1.3 Algal blooms cause our ponds and harbors to become increasingly anaerobic, with seabeds robbed of oxygen and devoid of aquatic life, and cloudy water columns filled with dense algal and aquatic plant growth. The algal bloom brings with it human health risks. Depending on the type, quantity and route of exposure, symptoms from algae blooms vary from skin and eye irritations to gastrointestinal and asthma-like symptoms, with children and pets being particularly susceptible.

1.4 Aquinnah's groundwater is also at risk from nitrogen infiltration. Rising nitrogen levels in our Island ponds are caused in major part by rising nitrogen content in our groundwater. The groundwater/aquifer underlying West Tisbury is the source of its existing and future drinking water supply and should be preserved and protected from excess nitrate infiltration. Ingested nitrates are converted by the body into nitrites, which are capable of converting hemoglobin into an oxidized form that does not bind tightly to blood oxygen. Infants, young children, pregnant women and some people with compromised immune systems who drink water in excess of established Safe Drinking Water Standards are particularly vulnerable and may become seriously ill if untreated. The Island's municipal and well water supply is an outstanding asset, one that is safe now and should be protected going forward.

*Certified True Copy
Carolyn Feltz Town Clerk*

Town of Aquinnah

ATM 5/13/14

Minutes

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: Re: Appropriate from above reserved Community Preservation revenues for restoration and relocation of Gay Head Light:

\$100,000 from Historic Preservation Reserve for restoration and relocation of Gay Head Lighthouse as proposed by the Save the Gay Head Lighthouse Committee

\$20,000 from Open Space Reserve for design etc., as proposed by the Save the Gay Head Lighthouse Committee

VOICE VOTE: PASSED-UNANIMOUS

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: Re: Appropriate from above reserved Community Preservation revenues for Community Housing, Historic Preservation and Administrative efforts

\$20,310 from CP Community Housing Reserve for mortgage costs for 45 State Rd.

\$12,860 from CP Historic Preservation Reserve for mortgage costs for Vanderhoop Homestead

\$5,000 from CP Historic Preservation Reserve for the future Martha's Vineyard Museum

Building roof emergency restoration and repairs

\$1,580 from CP Historic Preservation Reserve for Dukes County courthouse electrical wiring upgrade and replacement

\$1,200 from CP Historic Preservation Reserve for MV Agricultural Society artifacts preservation and documentation

\$2000 from CP Budgeted Reserve for CPA administrative expenses

Motion to strike \$5000 No 2nd

VOICE VOTE: ARTICLE PASSED 1 NO

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: Re: Change the name of State Rd. in Aquinnah through a public process
STANDING VOTE: FAILED 31 NO 6 YES 2 ABSENTIONS

ARTICLE NINETEEN: Re: Deny applications, revoke licenses, etc. for non-payment of taxes, etc.
Motion to table 2nd

Voice vote: Motion passed-Unanimous

X **ARTICLE TWENTY: Re: Change Aquinnah/Chilmark town line between Menemsha Pond and Menemsha Bite**

Motion to add the word "proposed" before the word "Plan" 2nd Motion withdrawn

Motion to delete the words "Plan on file in the Town Clerk's office." 2nd

Voice Vote: Motion passed-Unanimous

STANDING VOTE: ARTICLE PASSED 21 YES 19 NO 2 ABSTENTIONS

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: Re: Adopt MV Commission approved Fertilizer Management District of Critical Planning Concern Regulations (see Warrant)

VOICE VOTE: PASSED-UNANIMOUS

Motion to dissolve the meeting. 2nd . Voice Vote: Passed-Unanimous. Meeting dissolved 10:55 PM

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Town Clerk*

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Feltz
Carolyn Feltz, Aquinnah Town Clerk