

## Aquinnah voters elect Camille Rose

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In a close decision Wednesday, Aquinnah voters elected Camille Rose to fill the vacant seat on the Aquinnah board of selectmen.

Ms. Rose, the only candidate whose name appeared on the ballot for selectman, received 131 votes. Write-in challenger Faith Vanderhoop received 111 votes. The two were vying for the seat formerly filled by Carl Widdiss, who decided not to seek re-election.

In the only other contested race, incumbent Michael Stutz won re-election to a three-year term on the board of assessors, defeating a challenge from Richard Lee 140-93.

Voters passed all three ballot questions, including a non-binding resolution that asked if voters favored the creation of a housing bank to be funded by a one percent fee on the seller of any property over \$750,000. The final vote was 175-44 no.

Voters also approved two questions that asked if the town should appoint rather than elect the town tax collector and town treasurer. The questions passed 123-102 and 122-102 respectively.

Among the uncontested races: Audrey Jeffers-Mayhew was re-elected town treasurer; Sarah Saltonstall was re-elected to the board of health; Nancy Delaney was re-elected to the board of library trustees; Camille Rose and Peter Temple were re-elected to the planning board; and write-in candidate Carolyn Feltz, who has served as the town's temporary executive secretary for the past several months, won the position of town clerk. Jeananne Jeffers, Aquinnah's longtime clerk, did not seek re-election.

A total of 248 voters, or more than 60 percent of the town's registered voters, turned out to cast their ballots.

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