

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee
MEETING MINUTES OF
April 1, 2014

MEETING HELD IN THE CAUCUS HALL MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Judith Cicero, Thomas Coen, Marcy Feller, Doug Johnstone, Ann Maguire, David McGlothlin, Julia Perry, Mark Phillips, Robert Speiser, Robert Vetrick, Elizabeth Williams

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

Chair Julia Perry called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Marcy Feller agreed to take meeting minutes in the absence of Doug Johnstone, who was delayed at a prior meeting.

Minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended unanimously.

Public Statements: Sean Harrington gave a statement in regard to the Finance Committee procedures, appointing structure and communication and provided related documents for the Committee files.

Committee Timeline: Chair Julia Perry advised that the Committee's meeting with the Council on Aging is scheduled for May 21, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the VMCC Dining Room, and it will be added to the timeline.

Board Response/Feedback: Chair Julia Perry advised further that no town boards or committees had provided input since the last meeting.

Doug Johnstone joined the meeting at 5:15 pm and assumed the minute taking function.

Committee Assignments: Chair Julia Perry discussed the current committee assignments:

Chapter 9 Financial Procedures/Thomas Coen

Chapter 10 Section 1 Termination of Elected Officials/Marcy Feller and Doug Johnstone

The creation of a subcommittee to review Chapter 3.

Robert Vetrick moved create a Town Board subcommittee to review Chapter 3 and Chapter 6. David McGlothlin seconded and it was so voted unanimously.

There was unanimous consent that Robert Vetrick would review Charter for consistent style once a draft Charter has been created, with Marcy Feller to review, and that Doug Johnstone would review the Charter in its entirety to address the areas noted in previous meeting that required

modernized language.

Robert Speiser left the meeting at 5:45 pm.

There was a discussion of how to group town boards and the role of regulatory boards as opposed to appointed boards and those that are considered ad hoc, or temporary.

Discussion of Revised Chapter 8: Chair Julia Perry said that Brian Carlson is investigating additional facts on the Emergency Management Plan, including chain of command, and she continued discussion to a future agenda.

Judith Cicero discussed Chapter 9 and her thoughts on appointment authority for the committee, including the possibility of elected members. The role of the Finance Committee was generally discussed.

General discussion of the role of Charter Enforcement Commission as opposed to the work of the Charter Review Committee, and how to deal with input received during public statements.

Next Steps: Continued discussion of assigning specific committee members to certain areas of the Charter for further research at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on April 15, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Johnstone