

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee
MEETING MINUTES OF
April 15, 2014

MEETING HELD IN THE CAUCUS HALL MEETING ROOM

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

Members Absent: Thomas Coen (excused), David McGlothlin (excused).

Others Present: None

Chair Julia Perry called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended unanimously.

Ann Maguire moved that any member of the public who wished to have their statements a part of the record (as opposed to a summary that appears in the meeting minutes) submit their statement in writing to the committee so that it can be a part of the official record. Seconded by Mark Phillips. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Statements: None.

Committee Timeline: Chair Julia Perry discussed the Committee's meeting public forum with the Council on Aging on May 21, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the VMCC Dining Room. Julia Perry to talk to COA Director Chris Hottle about whether to invite the general public to the forum or to keep it to the COA attendees at the luncheon that precedes the forum. General consensus that the event at the COA would be a good trial run for a larger public forum to be held at Town Hall. Julia also discussed scheduling this public forum. Doug Johnstone to check with Licensing Agent Aaron Hobart regarding availability of the Town Hall Auditorium in the month of June. Julia Perry to bring an outline of the structure of the forum to the next meeting for discussion. PTV would also be asked to tape the event, with minutes transcribed from the taping.

Board Response/Feedback: Chair Julia Perry listed those boards that have responded to date, including the Board of Assessors, Beautification Committee, Council on Aging, Cultural Council, Historical Commission, Scholarship Committees, Board of Library Trustees, Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee, Shellfish Committee, and Community Housing Council.

Committee Assignments: The committee voted unanimously to create the following subcommittees and/or individual assignments in relation to review of the Charter (Note: all Chapters and sections refer to existing Charter numbering):

Robert Speiser to standardize board listings and to devise a way to organize boards within the Charter or by an appendix or some combination thereon, and in doing so to also review Chapter 5: The Moderator and Elected town Boards, and Chapter 6: Appointed Town Boards, accordingly.

Judith Cicero, Doug Johnstone and Ann Maguire to review Chapter 3: Town Boards.

Robert Speiser left the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Judith Cicero, Julia Perry and Elizabeth Williams to review Chapter 4: The Board of Selectmen.

Robert Vetrick to review Chapter 7: The Town Manager.

Julia Perry to review Chapter 8: Public Safety.

Thomas Coen and Mark Phillips to review Chapter 9: Financial Procedures.

Marcy Feller and Doug Johnstone to review Chapter 10: Termination of Service, Sections 1 and 2.

Julia Perry asked for a brief report from each subcommittee at the next scheduled meeting on April 29th, and that a reorganizational draft of the Charter would wait until the subcommittees have completed their work.

There was a brief discussion of a letter written by Mary A. McNulty that some had received regarding affordable housing units at Seashore Point. Ann Maguire provided a summary of the issue from her perspective as a member of the Community Housing Council, pointing out that it highlights a need by the Town to place restrictions on activity by developers prior to sale so that no changes could occur later that would be of detriment to the residents. This issue was of general interest, but determined by the group not to be a matter for the Charter Review Committee.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on April 29, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Johnstone