

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN**  
**Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**May 27, 2014**

**MEETING HELD IN THE CAUCUS HALL MEETING ROOM**

**Members Present:** Judith Cicero, Thomas Coen, Doug Johnstone, Ann Maguire, Julia Perry, Robert Speiser, Robert Vetrick, Elizabeth Williams.

**Members Absent:** Marcy Feller, David McGlothlin, Mark Phillips (all excused).

**Others Present:** None

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

Minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

*Robert Vetrick moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 13, 2014, Thomas Coen seconded and it was so voted, 7-0-0.*

Ann Maguire joined the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Minutes of the May 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

*Thomas Coen moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 21, 2014 as amended, Robert Speiser seconded and it was so voted, 6-0-2.*

Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee Chapter 4 Subcommittee minutes of April 29, 2014 and May 13, 2014 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

**Public Statements:** None.

**Committee Timeline and Public Forums:** Chair Julia Perry discussed the public forum held at the COA on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 and while there were only 4 participants from the public she felt it was a worthwhile event. Julia Perry highlighted available dates for a public forum to be held in Town Hall. The date of Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen and Doug Johnstone to determine if the Judge Welsh Room is available on that date from 6 pm – 8 pm. The general consensus was that the forum should be an informal affair similar to the forum held at the COA. Thomas Coen suggested offering some form of light refreshments. To publicize the event, Julia will try to have the Banner write an article about the forum prior to the event, and to have notices placed in the Banner and on the Town website. A display ad in the Banner was also discussed.

**Board Response/Feedback:** Chair Julia Perry distributed a draft of her presentation to the Board of Selectmen, which she hopes to present to the Selectmen at their next scheduled meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The general consensus was that this would be an ideal opportunity to not only update the Selectmen on the Charter Review Committee's work, but also to invite their feedback and comments on the current Charter that can be discussed at a future joint meeting between the Selectmen and Charter Review Committee, ideally held in late July.

Ann Maguire left the meeting at 5:30 pm.

**Subcommittee Reports:** Chapter 7: Town Manager – Robert Vetrick provided an updated overview of his suggested revisions/questions. Doug Johnstone to e-mail the updated version to all members, who can more easily see the color coded revisions/suggestions in order to provide feedback on his suggested changes, and also to the questions he raises in the draft rewrite, such as whether or not to keep the listings found in the current Charter, or to eliminate them entirely. Thomas Coen mentioned that lists can cut both ways and are subject to interpretation. Robert Vetrick said his inclination was to remove listings where they occur in the chapter, but requested guidance from the full committee on the question.

Chapter 10: Termination of Service, Sections 1 & 2 – Feedback was provided to the draft revisions/questions distributed by Doug Johnstone at the last meeting. Questions such as setting time frames for affidavits, restricting language in regards to online petitions, and the number of petitions distributed were discussed. Section 10-1-12 engendered much discussion, with some feeling a two year ban on serving on a board if recalled was excessive, and discussion will continue on that issue. Doug to take comments under consideration and bring back further revisions to a future meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will take place on June 10, 2014, at 5:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Johnstone