

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee
MEETING MINUTES OF
June 25, 2014
Public Forum

FORUM HELD IN THE JUDGE WELSH MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Judith Cicero, Thomas Coen, Marcy Feller, Doug Johnstone, Julia Perry, Robert Speiser, Robert Vetrick,.

Members Absent: Ann Maguire, David McGlothlin, Mark Phillips, Elizabeth Williams (all excused).

Public Present: Kitty Cotter, John-Paul Bianchi, Anthony Brackett (joined the forum at 7:00 pm)

Chair Julia Perry called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Julia Perry discussed outreach ideas. Suggestions were PBG, Chamber of Commerce, PTV and WOMR.

Public Comments: Kitty Cotter, a representative from the Non-Resident Tax payers Association, discussed the need for qualifications for each board (example: accountant or money management for Finance Committee, Building background for Zoning, etc.). Kitty also suggested a way to limit the Town's liability regarding lawsuits by placing specific language in the Charter as to time constraints on notice of claims. Kitty also discussed how confusing Town government and procedures can be and suggested some way to inform people as to who does what, and the procedures involved in each department, perhaps even easy to access guides such as "So you're going to open your own business?" Or "So you just moved to Town," etc. While not specifically related to the Charter, there was consensus that this could be a recommendation from the Committee to the Selectmen. Kitty also questioned the length and structure of Town Meeting.

Anthony Brackett was concerned that the recommendations from the Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee be presented in an easily understandable way and have the Selectmen's support. Anthony also spoke about his concern for the Town Moderator having sole appointing authority over the Finance committee and that this was too much power for one person to have.

ADJOURNMENT: The forum was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes recorded by Doug Johnstone