

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee
MEETING MINUTES OF
July 8, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

MEETING HELD AT TOWN HALL

Members Present: Judith Cicero, Thomas Coen, Marcy Feller, Ann Maguire, David McGlothlin, Julia Perry, Mark Phillips, Robert Speiser, Robert Vetric.

Members Absent: Doug Johnstone, Elizabeth Williams (excused).

Guests: Kitty Cotter, John-Paul Bianchi, Mark Juair, Erik Borg (Banner)

1. Julia Perry (Chair) began the Meeting by advising the Committee Members that Elizabeth Williams is taking a leave of absence for personal health issues.
2. Julia advised the Committee that their appointments ended on August 31, 2014, that all appointments are proposed to be extended another year. However, the Board of Selectmen has asked through the Chair if any Member would prefer not to continue that they let her know.
3. The Committee asked about the timing of the proposed Workshop with the Board of Selectmen and she advised them that she was notified by the Secretary to the Board of Selectmen that it was set for August 11, 2014, at 4:30 pm.
4. The Committee approved the Minutes for the Meeting on June 24, 2014, as amended (correction to present/absent members). The Committee approved the Minutes for the Meeting/Public Forum on June 25, 2014.
5. Julia introduced the Committee to Mark Juair, who was attending as a member of the Public, as the new Alternate from the Charter Enforcement Commission. During Public Statements, Mark spoke about the opposition to his appointment as Alternate expressed by the Board of Selectmen at their Meeting on June 30, 2014, based on his expressed concerns about the Finance Committee (which were elicited by the Board of Selectmen).
6. The Non-Resident Taxpayers Association (NRTA) – as represented by John-Paul Bianchi – discussed their proposal to make changes to the Charter to allow further participation by the NRTA in the actions of the Town. There was active discussion about the various items contained in the proposal, and there was concurrence that further research was required as to the legality of some of the proposals. The Committee thanked the NRTA for their proposal and promised to get back with them.
7. Julia discussed the draft rewrite of the Charter – presented in a side-by-side format with the current Charter – which was made available to the Committee at this Meeting. She advised that it included items that had been discussed and which had received general approval, along with proposals that she had drafted to start filling the “holes” in the rewrite that still

- required additional work. She asked the Committee to read through and be prepared to discuss it at the next Meeting.
8. Tom Coen discussed a proposed timeline for the Budget process – including the closing of the Warrant and the timing of the Town Meeting.
 9. Tom Coen also discussed the Joint Meeting between the Finance Subcommittee and the Finance Committee held on July 2, 2014, as well as the agreed on follow-up meeting with Doug Cligott of the Finance Committee to continue the process to redraft Chapter 9 of the Charter.
 10. The Committee Meeting ended with a general discussion on how to present proposals to the Board of Selectmen at the Workshop on August 11.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2014, at 5 pm.

Minutes prepared by Julia Perry as Secretary pro tem.