

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - TOWN MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2014 at 5:00 pm
TOWN HALL – CAUCUS HALL**

Present: Ann Maguire, Lynne Martin, Rob Tosner, Louise Venden, Judith Cicero, Donald Vaughan, Richard Olson, Robert Vetrick and Mark Morse (via telephone).

Absent: Jennifer Cabral, Peter Petas and Dennis Minsky.

Chair Louise Venden convened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Public Comments:

None.

1. Review minutes of June 18, 2014 meeting:

Mr. Vaughan had some amendments.

Mr. Vetrick moved to accept the minutes as amended, Mr. Tosner seconded and it was so voted, 8-0-0.

3. Other matters that may legally come before the Committee not known at the time of posting:

Mr. Vetrick expressed concern that the Board of Selectmen had reviewed some or all of the resumés in executive session. It is his understanding of the process that the BOS hires a consulting firm and then appoints a Search Committee that represents a broad range of the public. The Search Committee selects candidates to interview and then out of that group recommends 3-5 to the BOS to choose from. The Search Committee is an important layer of public participation. The Committee members present agreed with Mr. Vetrick's point.

Mr. Morse said that it is never his practice to talk about preliminary candidates with the BOS. Mr. Morse stated that the Search Committee could be in a quandary; if there was a breach of confidentiality, the process would have to begin over again and many candidates could be annoyed.

Ms. Venden said she spoke with Mr. Donegan who feels as though the Committee is an extension of the BOS and that the Selectmen should have access to the applications. He told her that the BOS only looked at the first pages of the applications and that they were collected after the Executive Session. Ms. Venden thinks some kind of a formal statement needs to be made about what the process is before interviews are begun. She told Mr. Donegan that the Committee was going to be upset because they have gone to great lengths to be careful and confidential about

the process. Mr. Vaughan asked that the Search Committee obtain clarification from Town Counsel about what the breach of confidentiality means for the whole process.

Mr. Morse said that he called Mr. Donegan and voiced his concerns about the breach. The Committee discussed the issue and how to proceed in light of this information. The Committee expressed concern that the BOS could find an application that they liked and totally ignore the recommendations of the Committee. The Committee decided that it would like a written legal opinion about the issue.

4. Vote to go into Executive Session – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Venden moved to go into Executive Session at 5:30 P.M., and to reconvene in Regular Session thereafter, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Sec. 21 (a), Clause 8 to consider or interview applicants for employment by a preliminary screening committee, if the chair declares that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants. This shall not apply to any meeting regarding applicants who have passed a prior preliminary screening.

There was a roll call vote of Committee members: Mr. Olson – Yes; Ms. Cicero – Yes; Mr. Vetrick – Yes; Ms. Maguire – Yes; Ms. Martin – Yes, Mr. Vaughan – Yes; Mr. Tosner – Yes; Ms. Venden – Yes.

The Committee reconvened the Regular Session at 6:00 P.M.

The next meeting is on July 16, 2014 at 2:00 P.M.

Ms. Cicero made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen C. Battaglini