

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee
MEETING MINUTES OF
July 22, 2014

MEETING HELD IN THE CAUCUS HALL MEETING ROOM

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

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

Others Present: None

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

Minutes of the July 8, 2014 meeting were reviewed.

Ann Maguire moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2014, Robert Vetrick seconded and it was so voted, 7-0-1.

The Chapter 4 Subcommittee minutes of June 24, 2014 were reviewed and accepted unanimously.

Public Statements: Mark Juairé said he had attended a recent Financial Procedures subcommittee meeting as a member of the public and thought it was a constructive meeting, but was dismayed by the Finance Committee Chair's statements made at the most recent Board of Selectmen's meeting where he stated he felt that this was not the right time to be reviewing the Charter and that no changes should be made.

Committee Timeline and Public Forums: Chair Julia Perry distributed Charter Revision flow charts to show the different methods to revising a Charter that she wanted the members to review and comment on at the next meeting. These flow charts, or something similar, will be provided to the Selectmen at the workshop on August 11th. A discussion followed on the process for bringing the Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee's work to the Selectmen and how/if suggested revisions appear on a future Town Meeting warrant.

Thomas Coen discussed the Appointment/Election of Finance Committee handout distributed, and additional material he gathered on how other towns address Finance Committee membership. A discussion followed on the options available.

The committee began to review and discuss the collective revisions to the Charter that Julia Perry created and distributed at the last meeting, with the discussion ending in Chapter 3, section 2. Review and discussion of the material will continue at the next meeting, with the goal of completing discussion and comments in order to create a draft document that can be provided to the Selectmen as a part of the discussion at the joint workshop on August 11th.

In order to adequately prepare for the joint workshop with the Board of Selectmen on August

11th there was general consensus that the next Charter Review Ad Hoc Committee meeting on August 5th will begin at 4:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place on August 5, 2014, at 4:00 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Johnstone