

PROVINCETOWN CHARTER ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of October 15, 2014

Members Present: Julia Perry (chair), Dan Hoort, Mark Juairé, Robert Klytta

Absent: none

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

The public hearing is a requirement of the town's Charter. Article 6 is a proposed charter amendment which will require a 2/3 vote.

Section 1 – town manager

Ms. Perry opened the Public Hearing and invited members of the public to give their comments.

Ms. Perry gave her opinion that the town manager should be a town resident, but be given a longer period of time to relocate to Provincetown.

Mr. Juairé said the town manager should be a town resident, it's not a telecommute job. The town manager needs to be a part of the fabric of the town.

Mr. Klytta disagreed and said the town manager does not need to live in town, they already spend an inordinate amount of time in town doing their job. Give them the opportunity to get away from work if that's what they want.

Mr. Hoort would vote to do away with the residency requirement because it is getting harder and harder to find top candidates. An alternative would be to use a housing allowance to incentivize them to live in town.

Section 2 – police chief, fire chief, DPW director

Ms. Perry stated that as part of the ad hoc committee's review she has studied this area. She researched the police and what happens in the case of an emergency. They have back-up plans in place, the town does not require one person to always be responsible in an emergency.

If the Board of Fire Engineers are all required to be residents and the Fire Chief is elected from the Board of Fire Engineers the chief will always be a resident.

Ms. Perry brought up the idea of a less restrictive residency requirement such as 'must live north of the Orleans rotary'.

Mr. Hoort said he would vote for that compromise.

The Commission voted to not recommend article 6, section 1, but to offer an amendment to increase the time limit from six months to twelve months. Motion passed 3-1-0 (RK)

The Commission voted to recommend article 6, section 2. Motion did not pass 2-2-0 (JP, MJ)

The Commission will meet again on Wednesday, October 22nd at 5pm to finalize the statement Ms. Perry will prepare.

Mr. Juairé moved that the Commission appoint Mark Phillips to the vacant position on the Commission. 2nd by Mr. Klytta. Motion passed 4-0-0

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm by Mark Juairé, 2nd by Bob Klytta. 4-0-0

Next meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at 5pm