

Council on Economic Development
Minutes
Meeting: September 19, 2005, 5 pm
Judge Welsh Room

Present:

Members: Chairman Steve Melamed, Paul DeRuyter, Bill Dougal, Alix Ritchie

Recorder: Vice Chairman Sarah Peake

Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen.

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 - 5:00 PM
JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Cheryl Andrews convened the special meeting at 5:00 PM noting the following attendees: Board of Selectmen members: Cheryl Andrews, Sarah Peake, Michele Couture, Richard Olson and David Nicolau

Other attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman, Town Counsel Jean McKnight

Economic Development Council Members: Stephen Melamed, Alix Ritchie, Bill Dougal and Paul DeRuyter,

Recorder: Vice Chairman Sarah Peake

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

1. JOINT MEETING – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Reallocating Gallons – Growth Management Category 5 – Economic Development

Cheryl Andrews opened the meeting inviting comments on what the two boards want to achieve.

1. Language of the by-law we want to bring to STM on November 7, 2005.

Separate meeting into two parts: 1) Process 2) General Guidelines

Process - a) Board of Selectmen will issue the permits.

b) Will there be recommendations made to Board of Selectmen by EDC?

Paul DeRuyter – Would like EDC to have some role, does not want to be a permit granting authority. Define the guidelines and determine if criteria are met.

Bill Dougal – Wants EDC to be strong and advisory to Board of Selectmen. Both recommend criteria and applications. Agrees largely with Paul DeRuyter. Need to address short-term needs of the business community. Core is defining “year round”.

Alix Ritchie – Process is flawed. All members are not here so a vote might be different if all were here. Want to develop new initiatives after looking at Towns assets. Year round is not summer and shoulder. Community has to be year round to be viable.

Alix’s goals: Sustainable year round income and new initiatives.

The Economic Development Council can't be creative and be quasi-regulatory.

Stephen Melamed – In same camp with Paul and Bill.

MOTION: Move to keep language same as Town Counsel has written it.

Motion by: Alix Ritchie Seconded by: Bill Dougal

Yea 1 Nay 3 (Bill Dougal, Stephen Melamed, Paul DeRuyter)

- MOTION FAILS -

MOTION: Move that the Economic Development Council accept language that will provide a role for the Economic Development Council to be advisory and to make recommendations on specific applications for category 5 permits based on yet to be developed criteria

Motion by: Paul DeRuyter Seconded by: Bill Dougal

Comment:

Alix Ritchie – It is a recommendation or a determination that criteria have been met.

Yea 3 Nay 1 (Alix Ritchie)

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to endorse and adopt the motion by the Economic Development Council.

Motion by: Sarah Peake Seconded by: David Nicolau

Comments:

Richard Olson – Find joint meeting troubling. Not prepared to vote because Economic Development Council has not met as a full board on this.

Cheryl Andrews – Economic Development Council can still come back to us with changes.

David Nicolau – Will support the Economic Development Council majority vote. Applicant and Economic Development Council will inform each other.

Yea 3 Nay 2 (Michele Couture/Richard Olson)

Richard Olson – I'm still asking for a concise explanation of gallons.
[See Cheryl's diagram regarding Title V vs. Sewer flow]

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to schedule an agenda item for its next regular meeting on Monday, September 26, 2005 to finalize language for the growth management by-law.

Motion by: Cheryl Andrews Seconded by: Sarah Peake

Yea 4 Nay 1 (Michele Couture)

Sarah Peake – Let's get a facilitator to work with us.

Michele Couture – want to wait for April Town meeting.

David Nicolau – We can't afford to wait.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to have Keith Bergman approach Kathryn Rafter to

facilitate the next meeting with the Economic Development Council and the Board of Selectmen to discuss guidelines and philosophical statement.

Motion by: Sarah Peake Seconded by: David Nicolau

Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture at 6:16 pm.

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