

Provincetown Finance Committee Minutes
January 29, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Judge Welsh Room, Provincetown Town Hall

Members Present: Mark Hatch, Louise Venden, Duane Steele, and Mark Bjorstrom

Excused Absent: Stan Sikorski, Scott Valentino, Mark Del Franco

Others Present: Town Manager David Panagore, Finance Director Dan Hoort

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Mark B mentioned that he attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) conference and noted that Provincetown was well represented at the conference. He commented that he didn't think the sessions were that strong.

The Committee then discussed their experiences in attending the conference.

The Committee discussed the backlog of minutes and a plan to get back minutes transcribed. A possible permanent person to take minutes was discussed.

The Committee reviewed the possible meeting schedule as prepared by Dan H. The Committee was asked to look at the budgets that were on the consent agenda and speak up if there were any budgets on the consent agenda that they would like pulled from the agenda and discussed separately.

Mark B mentioned that Housing is not included in the budget review as it is not part of the operating budget. It's too big an issue not to discuss.

Mark H said that after the budget review process is complete the Committee should review what changes in the process we would like to see.

Town Manager Panagore mentioned he would like to see us go an 'All Funds' budget that includes all revenues and expenditures, not only general fund items.

The Committee then discussed Provincetown housing issues.

Mr. Panagore mentioned that staff is working on a housing roadmap that will be a living breathing document to map out our goals and progress on housing.

The Committee continued to discuss housing and when to have the housing discussion outside of the budget review process.

The Committee then discussed the budget review schedule. Mark B mentioned he would be out of Town the month of February.

The Committee agreed to have four meetings and tentatively scheduled them for February 3rd at noon, February 5th at 9am, February 8th at noon, and February 12th at 9am. February 17th at noon and February 19th at 9am will be reserved for call backs, if needed.

Mark H will work on the schedule and distribute to the Committee members.

Mr. Panagore briefly discussed the education process under way for Town meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.