



Board of Selectmen

Public Hearing

Adoption of Annual Town-wide Policy Goals for FY2017

The Provincetown Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Judge Welsh Room, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA, to receive comments from the public on the following proposed Town-wide Policy Goals for Fiscal Year 2017:

FY2017 Town-wide Policy Goals

The Provincetown Board of Selectmen seeks to encourage a healthy, happy, diverse, and safe community for everyone. We seek to promote policies that create a better place to live, work, and play.

COMMUNITY HOUSING

Definition: *Community housing is housing for everyone – year-round residents and families, elderly and disabled individuals, and seasonal workforce employees across all low to moderate income levels from 30%-180% AMI.*

Continue to promote policies that encourage the availability of community housing, especially year-round community rental housing

Implement the “Year-Round Rental Housing Trust” promptly upon final legislative approval

Continue to support the development of zoning initiatives and the creation of tools, zoning or otherwise, to create year-round housing and preserve the availability of year-round and seasonal workforce housing; whenever possible identify and deploy tools to create or stem the loss of year round housing in the existing market

Encourage staff, businesses, and the community at large to consider the impact on housing when creating any development or other relevant decision

Complete the first edition of a “Housing Playbook”, which will serve as a roadmap to guide the community in the creation of housing, to be ratified at the April 2017 annual town meeting

Award an RFP for development of the VFW and former Community Center site for community purposes including housing and/or economic development

Discuss the possibilities for creation of workforce housing at the North Truro Air Force Base in conjunction with our congressional delegation, the CCNS, and the Town of Truro

GOVERNMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Advocate for the passage and prepare for the anticipated implementation of expanded rooms tax to cover all rental properties in Spring 2017

Identify and reform unnecessary regulatory and administrative burdens to new and existing businesses, and support the Town Manager in efforts to improve operations

Undertake a review of all Town fees and adopt any change deemed appropriate

Successfully renegotiate a lease for the Provincetown Municipal Airport

Continue to evaluate the feasibility and potential locations for a new or renovated police facility

Successfully negotiate collective bargaining agreements with Town employees (AFSCME Local 1462) and with Police (PBA Locals 67 & 68)

Continue to work with CCNS to ensure minimal interruption to Herring Cove Beach through and until the new north parking lot is completed

Promote sustainable energy policies and bylaws

Partner with the State on implementing the Community Compact, which addresses housing, economic development, and broadband

Pursue and fully implement approved technology upgrades

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Work with the Economic Development Committee and staff to complete and adopt an economic development plan focused on business development and job retention and creation

Pursue public/private and public/public development opportunities whenever possible

Undertake a comprehensive review of growth management and related by-laws, its historical impact, operation in light of current goals and recommend appropriate changes if any

Foster and support initiatives that encourage a year-round economy

Pursue the feasibility of citing of a higher education institution and/or a private/charter high school in Provincetown

Continue to support the efforts of the 2020 celebration

Encourage further development of facilities for the boating community and the harbor, in partnership with private enterprises whenever possible

Investigate zoning changes to allow food trucks in certain locations and/or at certain times

FISCAL

Continue to support the strong financial policies and internal controls in place and implement any recommended changes to best practice as a result of the annual audit and/or other adopted reports

Continue the practice of thoroughly reviewing 10-year budget and CIP projections, in advance of the annual budget process

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (LCP)

Continue to encourage the update of an implementable LCP, keeping it on track for final ratification at the April 2018 town meeting

PUBLIC WORKS

Ensure the successful completion of Phase 3 Commercial St repaving for an on time completion in Spring 2017

Encourage the creation of the bicycle connection to Provincetown from the current end of the Cape Cod Rail Trail in Wellfleet, with further connections to the Province Lands; review the success of various bicycle safety initiatives

Continue to evaluate traffic, bicycle and pedestrian traffic on the roads and recommend changes when identified in the Cape Cod Commission 2015 study and as otherwise necessary

Reduce unaccounted for water (UAC) by one half, and work towards an eventual goal of achieving 10% or less UAC

Continue to seek and implement solutions to the Ryder St outfall pipe

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Re-assess the overall approach to Town Meeting and recommend changes to the process if necessary to encourage outreach and increase attendance

Comments may be submitted in writing to the Office of the Board of Selectmen, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657 or selectmen@provincetown-ma.gov by 12 noon on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 or in person at the hearing.

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