

**Town of Provincetown
Visitor Services Board
Meeting Minutes from May 12th, 2017, 10:00 am
Town Hall, Judge Welsh Room
260 Commercial Street
Provincetown, MA 02657**



Members present: Marian Peck – Chair, Hersh Schwartz – Vice Chair, Lesley Marchessault, Regina Cassidy, Dan Vanwaus (conference call), Rick Murray, Bob Sanborn.

Members absent: none.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Marian Peck.

Staff: Anthony Fuccillo, Radu Luca.

Others: Gregg Almquist

Agenda:

1. Reorganization of the Visitor Services Board. Discussion dependent. Motions may be made. Votes may be taken. (Requested by Marian Peck)

Move to nominate Regina Cassidy as Chairperson of the Visitor Services Board to serve a one-year term until June 30th 2018.

Motion: HS **Second:** DV

Discussion: HS said RG has been on a lot and has knowledge of municipal boards; thinks will be a good candidate. DV said about RG she has a lot of experience and thinks will be a good candidate. BS believes RM should be the Chair, would like to personally thank MP and HS for serving as Chair and Vice-Chairperson and is glad to have Regina, Lesley and Dan on the VSB, but they have been on the board a short time and RM has been on the board for a number of years and has the experience. We're at a crossroads in town, in our marketing, demographics, etc, and we need someone who's been on the VSB for a while and stand up for the VSB. RG would like to accept the nomination and wanted to say the Chair should be able to run meeting,

has experience with that, Chair of EDC, Vice Chair of Personnel Board, been in town for over 10 years, volunteered to serve on boards and was elevated in those position. Has Condo Association Experiences, responsible for multi-million dollar organization in New York City. Feels she'd make a good Chairperson, here in town year round, not afraid to stand up for the VSB. DV believes in RG and that she has experience in running a board. RM would like to thank BS for wishing to nominate him, wanted to offer his experience and services for one year, especially since there are a few new members on the board, wanted to be an interim chair for one, Lesley is moving forward to become an officer down the road. RM has been in town 30 years and wanted to offer his services as interim chair for one year until the new members and new Communications Services were up to speed. LM would like to echo what BS was saying about RM, and believes RM has a lot of experience on the VSB.

Roll Call Vote: 3-4-0. Motion does not carry.

RM nay

LM nay

HS yea

BS nay

RC yea

DV yea

MP nay

Move to nominate RM as Chairperson of the Visitor Services Board to serve a one-year term until June 30th 2018.

Move: BS Second: LM

Discussion: MP would like to say she's giving her vote to RM moving forward to serve as Chair for one year and he brings a lot of experience and knowledge and would serve as a good officer and coaching the new board members. BS said he nominated RM for his experience on the VSB, which is very important right now, cross roads for the VSB and the town with new Communications Agency, changing demographics, new VSB board members. DV thinks RM has the experience on the VSB required of a Chair and will make a good officer moving forward with the new Communications Agency and new VSB board members.

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 Motion carries.

RM yea

LM yea

HS yea

BS yea

RC yea

DV yea

MP yea

Move to nominate Lesley Marchessault as Vice-Chairperson of the Visitor Services Board to serve a one-year term until June 30th 2018.

Motion: RM Second: RC

Discussion: none

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0 Motion carries.

RM yea

LM yea

HS yea

BS yea

RC yea

DV yea

MP yea

2. Other unforeseen items prior to agenda posting.

Tourism Director Report

➤ 2018 Board of Selectman Objectives:

- The BoS is requesting town board members objectives
- Individual board members objectives need to be submitted to Elizabeth Paine, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen
- Objectives must be submitted in writing via email
- Elizabeth has asked for the objectives by **Monday 15 May by 5:00 PM**
- The objectives from all town board members will be compiled and the BoS will review them
- An objective may easily be something which could take up to three years to achieve
- Submitting objectives will not mean all of them will be included in the Selectmen's fiscal year objectives

➤ Town Charter Commission Meeting:

- Monday 15 May 12, 2017
- Noon to 2:00 PM
- The Commission is updating the Charter
- The last Town Charter is dated 1990
- VSB is not included in the current charter
- VSB needs to be included in the Charter
- All VSB members interested in attending the meeting are invited to participate
- Your participation will provide insight to you as well as be a voice for to the Commission

From the Town website:

Charter Commission

Mission & Authority:

In accordance with [MGL Ch. 43b](#), a Charter Commission was established to revise the Charter of Provincetown by majority vote in the May 3, 2016 Annual Town Election.

The Charter Commission shall continue to exist until 30 days after the election at which its Charter revisions proposal, if any, is required to be submitted to the voters under [MGL Ch. 43b, sec. 7](#), or until 30 days after submission to Town Meeting of a final report recommending no charter revisions.

[Frequently Asked Questions About the Charter Commission](#)

Guide to Public Access to the Charter Commission

The Commission is interested in and will seek diverse points of view through both formal and informal means. The Public is welcome to approach Commission Members to discuss matters relating to the Charter at any time.

The Charter Commission can also accept written comments that identify the sender and which are sent to jperry@provincetown-ma.gov - the official email for the Charter Commission.

Any member of the Public is welcome to speak during the Public Statements item at the beginning of the Agenda at each Meeting. In addition, the Chair will ask any members of the Public that attend the Meetings if they wish to add any comments at the end of the Meeting.

Comments must be courteous. The Chair may limit the length of statements in order to keep the Meeting moving. The Members of the Commission may or may not choose to respond to members of the Public after they have made their comments during the Public Statements portion of the Meeting.

Individuals with an interest or expertise in a portion of the Charter that is on the Agenda for discussion may seek to be recognized to speak by the Chair when that topic arises so that they may participate in that discussion. In addition, the Commission may invite individuals with an interest or expertise in a portion of the Charter that is on the Agenda for discussion to attend and to participate in that discussion.

Once an Agenda item that is under discussion with Members of the Public in accordance with the above guidelines ends, the discussion shall be limited to Commission Members. Commission Members have the responsibility to make the final determination on what the actions and decisions of the Charter Commission will be.

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[Charter Commission June 16, 2016 Presentation](#)

Members:

Judith Cicero
Thomas Coen
Michelle Crone-DeMarco
Marcy Feller
Steve Katsurinis
Julia Perry
Robert Speiser
Elizabeth Williams
Robert Vetrick

Please feel free to e-mail the [Charter Commission](#) with your suggestions, questions, comments or concerns.

3. Approval of Minutes. Discussion dependent. Motions may be made. Votes may be taken.

None

Move to adjourn.

**Motion: LM
meeting)**

Second: BS

5-0-0 (DV and HS left the

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Radu Luca