

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 5:00 PM
TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM**

Chair Abramson convened the open meeting at 5:00 pm noting the following:

Select Board attending: Chair David Abramson, Vice Chair Robert Anthony, Members John Golden, Lise King and Louise Venden

Excused:

Other attendees: Acting Town Manager David Gardner and Select Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

- 1. 5 pm - Joint Meeting with the Harbor Committee. Topics to include but are not limited to: (Votes May Occur)**
 - a. Harbormaster position**
 - b. Provincetown Public Pier Corporation**
 - c. Other concerns**

Harbor Committee: Chair David Flattery, Vice Chair Susan Avellar, Members Elise Cozzi and Laura Ludwig

The Select Board and the Harbor Committee held a joint meeting. The Harbor Committee expressed concerns to the Select Board on the handling of the personal matters of the Harbor Master and felt they had not been properly included by the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation. Each committee member spoke about the important work the Harbormaster has done for the Harbor Committee, the MacMillan Pier and the Town's coast resiliency efforts. At their September 4th meeting, the Harbor Committee approved the following motion: Given that the HC has purview over harbor regulations and the Municipal Harbor Plan, we move to recommend to the Select Board to separate the Harbormaster's position and office [Harbormaster Services] from the PPPC and that the management of the Harbor and Harbormaster position be overseen by Town Manager pursuant to the Town Charter. The Harbor Committee is requesting the Select Board votes to support this motion.

Harbor Committee adjured at 5:49 pm

- 2. 5:30 pm Joint Meeting with the Animal Welfare Committee. Topics to include but are not limited to: (Votes May Occur)**
 - a. Rodent Control**

Animal Welfare Committee opened the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Animal Welfare Committee Chair requested Stephanie Ellis, executive director of wild care and biologist Stormy Mayo speak on behalf of the Animal Welfare Committee. Ms. Ellis spoke about the increases Wild Care is seeing with raptors being poisoned from rodenticides and spoke about alternative methods. Dr. Mayo spoke about the high number of rodents he is seeing on his property and stressed the major issue with people not using containers for their trash. The Animal Welfare committee would like to see the town use their resources to assist in controlling the situation and hopes that after the rat taskforce meets can return to the Board with ideas to be funded. Acting Town Manager Gardner spoke about the newly formed a rat task force, and how they are looking

at doing public education program, doing a town wide mailing and an event is coming up at the library. The Select Board also spoke about the number of trash bins without lids and seeing trash put out for pick up just in black bags.

Animal Welfare Committee adjured at 6:00 pm