

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2019 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, Members John Golden, and Louise Venden

Excused: Vice Chair Robert Anthony and Member Lise King

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

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

1. DPW Director Richard Waldo’s presentation on the 25% design submission for the Route 6 / Shank Painter Road reconstruction project.

DPW Director Richard Waldo was joined by James Fitzgerald from Environmental Planners to give the Select Board the 25% design submission for Route 6 /Shank Painter Road. The eastern side walks will have a wider width to allow for plantings, the sidewalks and driveway aprons will be made out of cement, additional sidewalks will allow for pedestrian parking, draining accommodation are being provided throughout the corridor to address flooding issues, town owned parking next to Days will be paved and drainage installed and bicycle will have their own lane until they reach Bradford St intersection. The Route 6 southern roadway will be turned into bicycle lanes, and the shared used path will transition over to the north side, the crossing will be raised and there will be a flashing lights to alert vehicle traffic of crossing. The Board asked about construction timeline and lighting of the roadway.

2. Approve North Truro Air Force Base Wells MOU with Cape Cod National Seashore

Water Superintendent Cody J. Salisbury presented a general agreement between the town and the cape cod national seashore in regards of the two wells located at the former air force base. The process began 2 years ago with previous CCNS Superintendent. The agreement would allow the town to use the wells as an emergency bases and the town would operate as the operator of the wells. The Board discussed the Town would cover the maintenance cost while the Seashore will be capital costs as well as the process of drawing water from these wells. The Board also asked staff about the CCNS reimbursement of Fire calls.

MOVE that the Select Board vote to approve the general agreement between the U.S. Department of the interior, National Park Service, Cape Cod National Seashore and the Town of Provincetown, Ma for use of the former North Truro Air Force Base Wells as an emergency water supply for the Town, and to further act as the licensed operator for Highlands Center Water System Operations.

Motion: Louise Venden

Second: John Golden

Vote: 3-0-0

3. Joint Meeting with the Board of Fire Engineers

Fire Chief Mike Trovato, Deputy Chief James Roderick, Captain and Deputy Chief ... present for the meeting.

Chief Trovato spoke to the Select Board about The Board of Fire Engineer's concerns; the BoFE first reached out to the Select Board in June of 2019. After 911 and the flood of January 4, 2019, the department realized that there was a change in need. The Fire Department has since purchased a flood vehicle. Over the years the needs of the station have changed, in 1993 the current main station was built and the department moved into it. Over the last year, after the flood, more equipment was realized that it was need, in April a complaint came in about rescue. For July and August there are already 2 crews on at the station and that is not enough. Bunk space has run out during the summer and during the winter storms staff needs to sleep over. At the moment, the Chief feels the need to have another ambulance, training facilities to conduct training with Barnstable Country closing and more bunk space. Four double bays and additional bunk space at the VFW lot would allow the space for the additional ambulance and Fire Trucks. The Board of Fire Engineers recommends that the Town creates Town of Provincetown EMS which would be separate from Provincetown Fire. The three Fire Trucks that were destroyed during the flooding were pushed to the front of production; first two truck were delivered on Thursday and the third is at the dealership and will be delivered shortly. Acting Town Manager talked to the Board about the Fire Department CIP request to do a needs assessment for the April town meeting.

Louise Venden – I would hope there would be more discussion before an issue like this had been brought to the attention of the Select Board. The VFW site has been brought before town meeting three times and has been voted on to place housing on that sight. I would need a lot more information before making a decision on this. I am concerned about public safety, I am concerned about the Police station facility and the cost to take over Lower Cape Ambulances. There is no budget to indicate how much this will cost.

John Golden – my bottom line, this has gone before town meeting several time, and we still have not built a police station. This meeting will allow the town to vote to give the town the answer as where to build the police station. None of the things can happen unless we have this piece of land.

David Abramson - I agree with John.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm