

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
JULY 27, 2020, 6:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Chair Abramson convened the open meeting at 6:00 pm noting the following:

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

Excused:

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

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

The July 27, 2020, meeting of the Provincetown Select Board is about to be convened. As a precautionary measure to reduce the spread of coronavirus, all Town buildings are closed to the public; therefore, this meeting will be held by remote participation. My name is David Abramson, Chair of the Select Board I will begin by taking a roll call for quorum.

Chair David Abramson
Vice Chair John Golden
Robert Anthony
Lise King
Louise Venden

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, the Governor's March 23, 2020, Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, and Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, this meeting of the Provincetown Select Board is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access and participate in the proceedings as provided for in the Order. Persons who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by watching on PTV GOV Channel 18, as well as the online livestream of PTV GOV. Participation is only available through telephone where members of the public will be allowed to speak during the public comment portion of the hearing by dialing (833) 579-7589. When prompted, enter the following conference number: 523 886 548#. Please do not speak until the chair asks for public comments or questions and keep your phone muted at all times. Use *6 to mute or unmute your phone. Clearly state your name each and every time prior to speaking and remember to mute your phone when not talking. We will post a record of this meeting on Provincetown's website as soon as possible. All votes must be roll call votes. After a motion is made and there is a second, the Chair will ask for a roll call vote. All motions, decisions, documents, and letters should be verbally referenced for the record. Packet materials are available for viewing on the Town website. If it appears the meeting cannot or should not proceed the meeting will be continued to a later date and time.

Consent Agenda – Approval without objection required for the following items:

- A. Reappoint Lydia Hamnquist as the Provincetown Representative to the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative with a term to expire on June 30, 2021***
- B. Appoint Guy Bus as a regular member on the Local Comprehensive Plan Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2023***
- C. Appoint Albert J. Carey as a regular member on the Provincetown Cultural Council with a term to expire on December 31, 2021.***

D. Declare School Surplus equipment as surplus pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B and Provincetown General By-law §6-4-6, and to authorize the Superintendent under the direction of the Acting Town Manager to dispose of same in the manner deemed most advantageous to the Town.

Without objection Chair Abramson waived the reading of the consent items and without further objection declared the consent agenda approved.

1. Public Statements – Three (3) minutes maximum. Select Board Members do not respond during public statements

- **Gisele** – Gave thanks to the part time residents who continue to support local business and their contributions to the Town’s economy.
- **Dan Hoort** - Expressed concerns about the appeared flawed process of consideration for Interim Town Manager.
- **David** – Expressed his opinion that the moderator and FINCOM were not following the Town Charter.
- **Speaker** – Expressed concerns about public officials’ behavior on social media.
- **Peter B** – Reminded the public that Admiral Mullins 50th anniversary is approaching and hopes the town will do something to honor him.
- **Pat Miller** – Thanked the part time residents for their continual support of local businesses. Thanked Health Director Morgan Clark and BOS Member Louise Venden for speaking at the recent PPRM meeting. Continues to advocate for part timers to have a voice at the table.
- **Alan Roth** – Found irony that he would have the police called him while he was expressing his right to freedom of speak.
- **Scott Van Hove** – Thanked part time residents. Attributes them as the #1 or #2 source of meals tax and rooms tax revenue and that they pay over 84% of the property taxes.

2. Select Board Member’s Opening Statements

- **Robert Anthony** – The Board needs to not just look at FY21 but also FY22, FY23 and FY24. We need to listen to the communities needs and look beyond this year. Wednesday we will be inter viewing potential interim Town Managers. In the coming weeks, we need to come up with a game plan.
- **Lise King** – Hope everyone takes a moment to check in on your vulnerable neighbors. Asking for an agenda item at the Wednesday meeting to draft a letter to the MA Department of Public Health to request State Department of Public Health and Barnstable County DPH provide cross reporting to towns that provides data to elected officials and the public on locations of where positive cases both LIVE and WORK. Would also like an agenda item to expand the mandatory mask order to the entire town.
- **Louise Venden** – Thanked visitor, public safety officials and town staff. Feels the board lacks direction and leadership. Requested the Select Board hire another facilitator to help bring the board together.
- **John Golden** – Agrees with statements made by Bobby, the Board should be looking at the next 6-8 months as well as the coming years.
- **David Abramson** – No comment.

3. Appointments – (Votes may be taken on the following items)

A. Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate: Erik Borg

The Board thanked Mr. Borg for applying and posed no questions.

Move that the Select Board appoint Erik Borg as an alternate member on the Zoning Board of Appeals

with a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: John Golden

Roll Call Vote

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Lise King: Aye

Louise Venden: Aye

4. Joint Meeting/Presentation/Requests – (Votes may be taken on the following items):

A. Joint Meeting with the VSB to discuss Tourism Warrant Article

Visitor Service Board called to order

Chair Jay Gurewitsch - Here

Susan Avellar - Here

Andrea Sawyer - Here

David Burbank - Here

David Wilson - Here

Tourism Director Anthony Fuccillo and the VSB Chair Jay Gurewitsch presented the revised FY2021 Tourism Budget. The Board thanked the VSB for their thorough and detailed report.

MOVE that the Select Board vote to approve the FY 2021 Tourism 5 Year Financial Forecast as revised and to refer an article to the September Annual Town Meeting to fund the Visitor Services Board FY2021 Tourism Budget in the amount of \$705,000.

Motion: David Abramson

Second: Lise King

Roll Call Vote

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Lise King: Aye

Louise Venden: Aye

B. Quarterly Police Report

Police Chief Golden presented the 6-month operational report. Chief Golden also gave a summary report of the daily reports being sent to the Board.

Move that the Select Board vote to send a letter of appreciation to the Police Department.

Motion: Robert Anthony

Second: John Golden

Roll Call Vote

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Lise King: Aye

Louise Venden: Aye

C. FY2020 Year End Summary

Finance Director Josee Young. The Board thanked Ms. Young for her presentation and conservative efforts made by the town during this crisis.

D. Discuss the Town Manager's Search – Choosing Executive Search Consultant to Solicitation for Quotes.

Chair Abramson opened the item by explaining that the packet includes Executive Search Firm Summaries and they are organized by region. The Board is required by procurement laws to send the Solicitation for Quotes to a minimum of 3. The Board discussed their individual concerns.

Move that the Select Board vote to send Solicitation for Quotes to Municipal Resources, Inc., Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management, Groux-White Consulting, LLC and Iassacson Miller.

Motion: David Abramson

Second: Louise Venden

Roll Call Vote

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Lise King: Aye

Louise Venden: Aye

5. Town Manager Administrative Matters – Topics to include but not limited to: (Votes may be taken on the following items):

1. Town Manager's Report

Health Director Morgan Clark and BOH Chair Steve Katsurinis presented a COVID update. Health Director Clark and Chair Katsurinis spoke about the need for increase testing for asymptomatic persons. They spoke to the Board about the time lag in getting results back, currently are 7-9 days and the rapid test come with a large margin of error. They also spoke to the Board about test results are sent to the Town the positive person resides in. The members expressed concern about not having the information on workers who work in Provincetown but don't reside in Provincetown.

Acting Town Manager David Gardner presented the Board with the department updated report for July 27, 2020. The Board discussed the desire to hold the September 21, 2020 Town Meeting outside and to remove non-essential items off the warrant.

6. Minutes – (Votes May Be Taken)

- A. June 8, 2020 6 pm**
- B. June 22, 2020 6 pm**
- C. July 2, 2020 2 pm**
- D. July 9, 2020 4 pm**

Move that the Select Board approve the minutes of:

June 08, 2020	6pm	(Regular)[] as printed	[X] with changes so noted
June 22, 2020	6pm	(Regular)[] as printed	[X] with changes so noted
July 2, 2020	2pm	(Special) [] as printed	[X] with changes so noted
July 9, 2020	4pm	(Special) [X] as printed	[] with changes so noted

7. Select Board Closing Matters - Topics to Include but not limited to: (Votes May be taken on the following items)

A. Pending Items List

- **Robert Anthony** – No comment
- **Lise King** – Again, please check in on your vulnerable neighbors.
- **Louise Venden** – Proposes an agenda item to increase Select Board opening statements from 3 minutes to 5 minutes. Would like to establish a task force that has nonresidents and residents who work together with Town employees.
- **John Golden** – I am good.
- **David Abramson** – No comment.

Motion to adjourn without objection

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Elizabeth Paine