

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2020, 5:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Chair Abramson convened the open meeting at 5:00 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: Acting Town Manager David Gardner, and Select Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

NOTE: THIS IS A REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

The August 3, 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 Gardner; Acting Town Manager I will begin by taking a roll call for quorum.

Select Board Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Here

Vice Chair John Golden: Here

Robert Anthony: Here

Lise King: Here

Louise Venden: Here

Board of Health Roll Call

Chair Steve Katsurinis: Here

Dr. Susan Troyan: Here

Dr. Janet Whalen: Here

Elise Cozzi: Here

Christopher Hartley: Here

Irv Morgan: Here

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: 508 028 164#. 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.

Chair David Abramson called the Select Board to order at 5:06 pm

Chair Steve Katsurinis called the Board of Health to order at 5:07 pm

1. Joint Meeting with Board of Health – (Votes May Occur)

a. Epidemiological Surveillance at the State Level – Scott Troppy, MADPH

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Surveillance Epidemiologists Scott Troppy and Epidemiologists Hilary Johnson spoke to the Boards about the how clusters and outbreak cases are monitored at the state level. They spoke about how the State handles and tracks these cases through the Maven Disease Surveillance Suite that allows town to view linkages and cross jurisdiction happening on the site. At the state level, they work with the local health agent and a point person who would than follow up on these cases. State Epidemiologist are assigned to cases when there are clusters. Select Board Member asked if the reported including people who lived in adjoining towns but work in town. Select Board Member if the information generated by Maven would be shared to the public and if there would ever be a situation where information would be released to the public when there is an employee who works in town but not living in town? MAVEN access is limited to the public officials actively working on active cases. Member King also asked about at what point would the information be shared with policy makers. Health Director Clark stated the department would never release any information that could possibly identify a business or resident. Board of Health Chair Katsurinis spoke about the fact that even the Board of Health is only given the number of active cases asked for the Health Director to give the Boards an example of when the policy boards, Board of Health and Select Board, would be approached with information that would be concerning. Health Director Clark spoke about the concern of cases coming out of house parties and also the lag in testing results.

b. Local Dashboard Metrics – Morgan Clark

Health Director Morgan Clark gave the Boards an updated on the local dashboard. People who would like to sign up, should do so though the Town of Provincetown website. Last week our report was a recap of the dashboard as well as update on Provincetown COVID-19efforts.

c. Letter to Command Center re: Testing – Morgan Clark

Health Director Morgan Clark spoke about her understanding that all labs are experiencing back log because of sharing the test load from other areas. Believes the command center should hear from the Town, that there needs to be a better testing turn around to respond better to the pandemic. The DPH call on Friday talked about the issue with testing. The current turn around out of outer cape health right now is about 5 days.

d. Update on Local Testing Initiatives – Morgan Clark

Health Director Clark announced the new initiative the Town will be taking part in by testing our wastewater to see if COVID is found. People shed the virus before they show symptoms and after they have recovered. It is just another tool in the tool bag.

e. Fall/Future Planning – Morgan Clark

The Town continue to look at our infrastructure needs. We are trying to keep an eye on trends over time. As well as polling businesses, part time residents and local organizations to try and see what their needs may be for the fall and beyond.

2. Discuss Expansion of Mask Order – (Votes May Occur)

Select Board Member Lise King brought this item forward again as she felt this was a continued discussion and request from people that live outside of the commercial zone and felt that this is a good opportunity to have this conversation and check in to see how things are doing. Board of Health Vice Chair Dr. Susan Troyan stated the Board of Health has been watching this extremely closely. Our highest risk is actually enclosed spaces. We also monitor the outdoor spaces. It makes sense to continue the central commercial area as it is difficult to maintain the 6ft distance. I do not think that areas outside of the commercial area should have the 24/7 mask mandate. I think what we are doing right now is holding things well. The areas where we have had issues are with people who work in high risk occupation. I think to mandate could actually do harm as it may decrease. Member King asked for continued messaging to short term renters of the rules currently in place regarding mask regulations.

3. Discuss sending letter to the MA Department of Public Health to request cross town reporting of COVID cases – (Votes May Be Occur)

Member King no longer felt this item was needed.

Board of Health adjourned at 6:35 pm

Board of Health Roll Call
Chair Steve Katsurinis: Aye
Dr. Susan Troyan: Aye
Dr. Janet Whalen: Aye
Elise Cozzi: Aye
Christopher Hartley: Aye
Irv Morgan: Aye

4. Executive Session – Vote to go into Executive Session – MGL c30A Sec 21(a) Clause 2 for the purpose of:

Clause 2 – To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Interim Town Manager Contract Negotiations. (Votes may be taken.)

MOVE that the Select Board vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A Section 21 (a) Clause 2 for the purpose of conducting strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Interim Town Manager Contract Negotiations. Votes may be taken and not to convene in open session thereafter.

Roll Call Vote:

David Abramson: Aye

John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Lise King: Aye

Louise Venden: Aye

The Select Board went into executive session at 6:38 pm
Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes transcribed by Elizabeth Paine