

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – VISITOR SERVICES BOARD

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Steve Melamed called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM noting the following attendees:

VSB members: Peter Bez; Lynne Davies, Vice Chairman; Ellen Freeman; Steve Melamed, Chairman; Mick Rudd and Barbara Rushmore

Other attendees: Patricia Fitzpatrick, Tourism Director; Richard Olson, Provincetown Selectman; Candace Collins-Boden, Executive Director, Provincetown Chamber of Commerce; Don Murphy, Provincetown Portuguese Festival; Cherie Mittenthal, Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill; Rick Murray

Recorder: Bill Schneider

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

MOTION: *Move to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2005 VSB meeting as amended.*

Motion by: Peter Bez **Seconded by:** Lynne Davies Yea 6 Nay 0 Abstain

MOTION: *Move to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2005 VSB meeting.*

Motion by: Lynne Davies **Seconded by:** Peter Bez Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstain 2 (EF, MR)

Laurel Guadagno arrived at 10:10 AM.

Richard Olson presented an overview of the upcoming Eugene O'Neill Society Conference, which is scheduled for June 15 – 20, 2005. This event coincides with the Provincetown International Film Festival. Mr. Olson thanked the Board for their support and for budgeting \$5,000 to produce and publish a booklet that will showcase Provincetown as the destination for this year's conference. Ms. Fitzpatrick spoke about the funding of the conference, which is being done without Town tourism funds (except for the commemorative book to be produced for the conference). Mr. Olson affirmed he will proceed with obtaining an RFP for the printing and production of the book.

Barbara Rushmore asked if additional information was needed regarding grant application number 29 submitted on behalf of the Library Building Fund. The Chairman requested discussion regarding this application be tabled until the next meeting.

MOTION: *Move to reconsider the grant application number 31 submitted by the Fine Arts Work Center for the Fall '05 Workshop Program.*

Motion by: Lynne Davies **Seconded by:** Mick Rudd Yea 6 Nay 1 (LG) Abstain 0

MOTION: *Move to reconsider the grant application number 34 submitted by the Truro Center at Castle Hill for the Third Annual Castle Hill "Paints the Town" event.*

Motion by: Mick Rudd **Seconded by:** Ellen Freeman Yea 5 Nay 2 (LG, PB) Abstain 0

MOTION: *Move to reconsider the grant application number 15 submitted by Barbara Rushmore for the Annual Lighting of the Monument.*

Motion by: Barbara Rushmore **Seconded by:** Mick Rudd Yea 2 Nay 4 (EF, PB, SM, LD) Abstain 1 (LG)

Don Murphy and Candace Collins-Boden responded to questions and discussion presented by the Board concerning the Great Provincetown Schooner Regatta.

MOTION: *Move to approve the grant application for \$10,000 submitted by the Great Provincetown Schooner Regatta.*

Motion by: Ellen Freeman **Seconded by:** Lynne Davies Yea 6 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (MR)

Don Murphy responded to questions and discussion by the Board concerning the Provincetown Portuguese Festival.

MOTION: *Move to approve the grant application for \$5,000 submitted by the Provincetown Portuguese Festival.*

Motion by: **Barbara Rushmore** **Seconded by:** **Ellen Freeman**

During discussion amongst the Board, Ms. Freeman suggested the motion be amended to reflect the grant award of \$7,500.00.

Ms. Rushmore withdrew her previous motion and Ms. Freeman withdrew her second of the previous motion.

MOTION: *Move to approve the grant application for \$7,500 submitted by the Provincetown Portuguese Festival.*

Motion by: **Barbara Rushmore** **Seconded by:** **Peter Bez** **Yea 7** **Nay 0** **Abstain 0**

The Chairman noted that no representative was present from the Provincetown Retail Organization. The Vice Chairman noted that the Board typically does not approve grant applications for an event on a holiday weekend where tourists traditionally are in Town.

MOTION: *Move to deny the grant application submitted by the Provincetown Retail Organization for the Thanksgiving Weekend Midnight Madness due to the lack of information.*

Motion by: **Ellen Freeman** **Seconded by:** **Lynne Davies** **Yea 7** **Nay 0** **Abstain 0**

MOTION: *Move to deny the grant application submitted by the Provincetown Retail Organization for the "Twelve Days of Christmas" event due to the conflict with Holly Folly and due to the lack of information.*

Motion by: **Ellen Freeman** **Seconded by:** **Barbara Rushmore**

The Board discussed the request submitted by the Provincetown Retail Organization for the Twelve Days of Christmas event during which Ms. Freeman withdrew her motion and Ms. Rushmore withdrew her second of the motion.

MOTION: *Move to deny the grant application submitted by the Provincetown Retail Organization for the "Twelve Days of Christmas" event due to the lack of information.*

Motion by: **Ellen Freeman** **Seconded by:** **Barbara Rushmore** **Yea 7** **Nay 0** **Abstain 0**

Barbara Rushmore requested the Board reconsider the grant application she submitted concerning the Sinking Fund for Fire House #2.

MOTION: *Move to reconsider the grant application number 26 submitted for the Sinking Fund for Fire House #2, amended to be in the amount of \$3,000 .*

Motion by: **Barbara Rushmore** **Seconded by:** **Mick Rudd** **Yea 6** **Nay 1 (PB)** **Abstain 0**

A discussion ensued between members of the Board regarding the municipal enhancement budget.

Barbara Rushmore left the meeting at 11:40 AM.

MOTION: *Move to deny the grant application submitted by the Provincetown Retail Organization for the "Fall In Love With Provincetown" event due to the lack of information.*

Motion by: **Ellen Freeman** **Seconded by:** **Laurel Guadazno** **Yea 6** **Nay 0** **Abstain 0**

MOTION: *Move to deny the grant applications submitted by the Provincetown Business Guild for the "Halloween In Provincetown" event and David Flower Productions for the "Halloween Weekend" event due to the lack of information.*

Motion by: **Laurel Guadazno** **Seconded by:** **Lynne Davies** **Yea 6** **Nay 0** **Abstain 0**

Vice Chair Davies advised the Board that the Provincetown Business Guild has withdrawn their application for a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for the Provincetown Music Festival.

Cherie Mittenenthal responded to questions and discussion by the Board concerning the Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill Third Annual "Paint The Town" event.

MOTION: *Move to level fund the grant application submitted by the Truro Center for the Arts at Castle Hill for the Third Annual "Paint The Town" event in the amount of \$1,500.00.*

Motion by: Mick Rudd. **Seconded by:** Lynne Davies Yea 4 Nay 2 (LG, PB) Abstain 0

MOTION: *Move to approve the grant application for \$2,500 submitted by the Fine Arts Work Center for the Fall '05 Workshop Program.*

Motion by: Ellen Freeman. **Seconded by:** Mick Rudd Yea 5 Nay 1 (LG) Abstain 0

The Chairman announced the meeting would be continued until 10:30 AM on Friday, March 11, 2005.