

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

LARKIN HALL

Chairman Michele Couture convened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following Board of Selectmen attending: Michele Couture, Elaine Anderson, Mary-Jo Avellar, Austin Knight, and David Bedard

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner

Recorder: David Gardner

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

1A PUBLIC HEARING – None

1B TOWN HALL UPDATE

Wendall Kalsow of McGinley & Kalsow and Joe Rettman of North Eastern Interiors

Mark Almeda of McGinley & Kalsow & Scott Gentilhomme NEI Forman also in attendance.

Wendall - Thanks to Ed Kromley for his craftsmanship over the course of Phase I. Thanks to Mark Almeda who has worked on the project on a daily basis. Remember that the reason we undertook this project was because of the structural problems and system problems in the building. The fact that we are able to improve the appearance is a bonus. Joe: NEI's goal is to complete the project early. Undertaking efforts of local hiring. Hired three locals to their carpentry staff. Will take on the carpentry and hopes to hire additional locals in the future. Opened an account with the local hardware store. Scott mobilized onsite two weeks ago, and they are up and running. Mark: Transition costs between Phase I and II have been minimized and is going well, with Phase I terminating in the next two weeks. Sharon: will schedule a tour of the building on Wed September 16th at 9:00 am.

Michele Couture - Thanked Sharon for her oversight of the project. Thanked NEI for incorporating local hires.

Austin Knight - Access to the War Memorial on Veterans Day.

Elaine Anderson - Project quality will not be sacrificed for speed.

2. PUBLIC STATEMENTS - None

3. SELECTMEN STATEMENTS

Mary-Jo Avellar

Concerned over Clay Scholfield's conflict of interest with the Cape Cod Commission. Request an update regarding sewer issue on Winthrop Street.

Electronic malfunction at the pump station which caused an overflow and street discharge for about 50 feet. The issue was caught quickly and the area was decontaminated. Was there an alarm? The police station called the sewer team and the town manager. Mr. Guertin was confident that the protocol was followed.

Wants follow-up on letter from Mary Smith regarding weatherizing the home on the east end which was opposed by the HDC. Is familiar with another similar situation, and is concerned that the HDC may be hindering the ability of these homeowners to improve their property. Would like to address with the HDC on a future agenda.

Asked by John Spazerini to revisit the curb cut application at 2 Carver Street. Town Manager will look into whether curb cut approval was actually necessary, and we will get back to the Board.

David Bedard

Cape Cod National Seashore Park Service will be holding a meeting on Moors Road on September 24, 2009.

Elaine Anderson

Concerned about access by Hospice or Visiting Nurse to a patient during a parade – arrangements made with the Police.

Thank those who attended the Transportation Center meeting.

Commercial Street East End residents who are trimming their trees back out of the ROW.

Lily Tomlin event was a success, tent on the pier held over 800 attendees.

Too many resignations from the Licensing Board.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint two alternatives on the Licensing Board to regular members at the request of the Chair, Todd Wager. (Teri Nezbeth & Jim Sheahan)

Motion by: Elaine Anderson Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

Austin Knight

When will we have cost of repairs to the sewer team? The sewer update is ongoing. Mr Dudley's (DEP) investigation will be before you the end of September, and we should have clear answers at that time which improvements would be necessary. Concerned about the cost of improvements to the system and the timing of Phase III. Sewer Phase III status meeting will occur tomorrow at DPW. We consider how USDA impacts the start of the project.

Michele Couture

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter of commendation regarding Green Communities Grant Application

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

Will report back to the Selectmen as to when the grant starts.

Concerned about the inability of DPW to construct new signs because the sign materials budget was cut from the budget. Can we partner with Truro to see if we can share the machine for cost of materials? DPW to look into and report back.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter of thanks to Kerry Adams for service on CCNS Advisory Committee.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to look into a replacement for the vacancy on the CCNS Advisory Committee sub-committee.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

Results for T-Mobile test at the Wastewater Treatment Facility for 90 feet was a success and we go into the permitting process. Have not heard back from State House regarding Term Limits Charter Amend? Town Clerk to update.

New EPA regulations regarding ground water regulations could impact the town in the future, including increasing the potential for a "boil order".

Encourage people to attend Town Meeting on September 14th to allow us to access potential USDA grants funds to replace water filtration system.

4. APPOINTMENTS - None

5A1 BARNSTABLE COUNTY LAND MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Browne St. Community Garden & Conservation Park

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the submittal of a grant application to the Barnstable County Land Management Grant Program in the amount of \$5,700 to help fund the development of Browne Street Community Garden and Conservation Park.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded By:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

5A2 NEW ENGLAND GRASSROOTS

Environmental Fund Grant Application

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the submittal of a grant application to the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund in the amount of \$1,200 to help fund the creation of a community land stewardship group.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded By:** Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

5A3 WILLIAM P. WHARTON TRUST PRELIMINARY GRANT APPLICATION

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the submittal of a preliminary grant application to The William P. Wharton Trust in the amount of \$5,700 to help fund the development of the Browne Street Community Garden and Conservation Park*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

5B PROVINCETOWN CULTURAL COUNCIL – Reduce Number of Members

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the request of the Provincetown Cultural Council to change the required number of members of the Council from its current requirement number of members from twelve (12) members to nine (9) members.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

6A SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Adoption of Board of Selectmen's Recommendation on Articles

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend STM-1 Water System Improvements.*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson
Yea 4 Nay 1 (Mary-Jo Avellar)

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to recommend STM-2 Prior Year Bills.*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

6B TOWN MANAGER'S FOLLOW UP

Phase III is getting ready to start, and the Town Hall rehab is progressing well. Town auditors were here two weeks ago, and are here this week. DOR will be here on Thursday. Preliminary review is that the Town has much improved its accounting and management practices.

Elaine Anderson - Reopening of Town Hall, Board of Selectmen should revisit the Auditorium Rental Policy. Sharon - We are looking into an estimate for stage improvements to improve the sound quality of the venue, to increase the value of the space.

Austin Knight - Should make changes in the rental fees to protect the investment of the Town Hall.

6C OTHER - None

7. MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of July 27, 2009 (Regular Mtg.) as printed.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of August 4, 2009 (Special Mtg. w/Mark Forest) with change so noted.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of August 10, 2009 (Joint Mtg. w/FinCom.) with change so noted.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of August 10, 2009 (Regular Mtg.) as printed.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of August 24, 2009 (Sewer Update.) as printed.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of August 24, 2009 (Regular Mtg.) as printed.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

8. CLOSING STATEMENTS – BOAR OF SELECTMEN

Mary-Jo Avellar – None Michele Couture - None

David Bedard – None Elaine Anderson - None

Austin Knight

Post Board of Selectmen meeting for the Board to attend the Cape Cod National Park Service Public Workshop for Reconstruction of Moors Road with Bicycle Improvements in the Province Lands on September 24, 2009 at 5:30 PM

Motion to adjourn by Austin Knight at 7:44 PM

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen
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