

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## SPECIAL MEETING - SAME SEX MARRIAGE

MONDAY - JUNE 23, 2004

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Cheryl Andrews opened the meeting at 4:30 PM noting the following attendees: Board of Selectmen members: Cheryl Andrews, Mary-Jo Avellar, Michele Couture, Sarah Peake, Richard Olson.

Other attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman, Town Counsel John Giorgio, Town Clerk Doug Johnstone and Special Counsel Gretchen Van Ness.

Recorder: Mary-Jo Avellar

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

### 1. STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION

Meeting with Special Counsel, Town Counsel, re: Same-Sex Marriages

**MOTION**: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to MGL C. 39, §23B cl.3, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to litigation; and not to convene in open session thereafter. [Roll Call Vote]*

**Motion by**: Michele Couture      **Seconded by**: Richard Olson      Yea 5 Nay 0

**Roll Call**: Sarah Peake - Yes    Cheryl Andrews - Yea      Michele Couture - Yes  
Mary-Jo Avellar - Yes    Richard Olson - Yes

The Board went into executive session at 4:35 pm.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen  
July 30, 2004