

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPECIAL MEETING - MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 6 PM

LARKIN HALL

Chairman Michele Couture convened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following Board of Selectmen attending: Michele Couture, Elaine Anderson, and John Santos

Excused Absence: David Bedard, Austin Knight

Other attendees: Assistant Town Manager David Gardner

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

1. PUBLIC HEARING - NSTAR

NSTAR Pole Installation and Underground Cable

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to MGL C.166,§22, to:

a) Approve the request of NSTAR to install a new pole # 9255/488.5 as indicated on Plan Number: 103561-4 dated August 25, 2010; and to install approximately 175 feet of underground cable and conduit under Shank Painter Road to provide a new underground feed into substation 983 Provincetown-West at the property located at 80 Shank Painter Road, Provincetown, MA.

b) And request that NSTAR provide an as-built plan to the property owner showing actual location and depth after installation.

Motion by: Elaine Anderson Seconded by: John Santos Yes 3 Nay 0

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND JOINT WORKSHOP WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE AND INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FINCOM attending: Tom Coen, Ann McGuire, Oliver Kamm, and Tom Donahue

Insurance Advisory Commission attending: Pam Hudson and Jimmy Meads.

Michele Couture – read the public hearing into the record.

Pam Hudson - Gave a slide presentation and overview of the contents of the agenda item with specific attention to attachment #5, as presented in the Boards agenda packet.

Chairman Couture asked for any Public Comments

Katherine Margie Perry – Opposed

Dick Silva - Not fair.

Linda DiBenedetto – How close is the State to requiring Section 18?

Kathy Meads – Not ready to accept Section 18. What about going after the State to initiate allowing payment into Social Security at the same time.

Pat Solier – Penalizes the retirees.

Rachel White. Should wait to see what will happen at the State level. Who is eligible to Medicare/social security?

Alma Welsh – Mid 1980's instructed that Medicare tax would be deducted.

David Perry – Didn't ask for too much salary increase because we pay 80% of your medical!

Michele Couture – read letters and emails from retirees submitted to Board of Selectmen's office into record. (See attachment # 3)

Warren Alexander – Leave retirees alone – pay employees what they are worth.

Tom Cohen – Look at the big picture at what we are trying to do. Cover retirement liability for the long term. Should set-up a trust fund to cover future liabilities. Need to communicate that better.

Michele Couture – Section 18 and retirement liability do need to be talked about together. Trust Fund is probably the way to go. Should consider for April town meeting. Consider the Segal Proposal at our September 27, 2010 meeting to provide a thorough analysis of the impact to the town employees and retirees.

Motion to adjourn by Elaine Anderson at 8:20 PM

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen
September 28, 2010