

## TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING - MONDAY – JUNE 24, 2013 6 PM

### TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM

Chairman Austin Knight convened the meeting at 6:00 PM, noting the following:

Board of Selectmen attending: Austin Knight, Elaine Anderson, David McChesney, Erik Yingling and Tom Donegan.

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner and Municipal Finance Director Dan Hoort.

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

Chief Jeff Jaran introduced the newest police officer Joseph D'Andrea.

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

1. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

2. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Roger Chauvette – Concerning bicycling in Provincetown. Read statement into the record. (See attachment #1)

Nancy Swanson – Quite upset that she cannot fish anymore on the pier.

Catherine Russo - 1) Against Scott products being use around town. 2) Use of UU mailing list by Elaine Anderson. (See attachment #2)

Ken Weise – Compliments to town staff for assisting him on the paperwork he needed for Seashore Point.

Richard Kapler - Against the chemicals used by Scott chemicals on our lawns. Read statement into record.

Barbara Rushmore – Spoke on gun violence. As a community, we should try to work towards being gun-free.

Bill Docker – Spoke on the LED lighting being tested in his neighborhood. Suggests a softer and warmer light.

Michael Rogovsky - Be more positive in town.

3. **SELECTMEN STATEMENTS**

**Tom Donegan**

Attended Massachusetts Housing Summit recently. Province Lands on Shank Painter Road was a featured development. Much work is needed to improve housing opportunities in town. Looking forward to the Provincetown housing summit. Need to move forward and work together. Will be pleased when the campaign can be over. .

**Elaine Anderson** - Need to move on and put the campaign behind us. As the town's Water Protective Collaborative representative, I will keep the town informed of what happens at the County level. We will have visits from the commission in the future.

**David McChesney** – To the Beautification Chair - there is a selectman who has been involved in beautification - that's me. Mooring meeting held today, a dialogue was started and the issues will be corrected moving forward. This is just a start.

**Erik Yingling** – Understands the sentiment regarding LED lights. Needs to come up with a good alternative for Provincetown, I think the town will adjust to the new light. Not a supporter of pesticides, was interested in learning that 90% of town owned land is pesticide free. Fishing on the pier should be returned to 24 hours. Does not understand the current constraints. Should convince the Pier Corp to change this policy. Selectmen do have consensus on the issue of housing, with much work left to do.

**Austin Knight** - Selectmen will hold a special public meeting to discuss the Committee for review of County Government on Tuesday, July 16. Governor Patrick will be in town on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Fine Arts Work Center. Selectmen sent a letter of interest to the leadership of the VFW for town municipal uses. Should look into summer hostel for seasonal workers or other opportunities

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to proclaim Saturday, July 13, 2013 as Governor Duval Patrick day in the Town of Provincetown.*

**Motion by:** David McChesney    **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson    Yea 5    Nay 0

#### 4A    **LED STREETLIGHT PROJECT – Participating Agreement**

Kevin Galligan, Program Manager, Cape Light Compact LED Municipal Street Project – Briefed the Selectmen on the results of the extended Demonstration Project and answered any questions from the Selectmen on the Participation Agreement required for the pending Request for Proposal. Meredith Miller gave special thanks to the Recycling Renewable Energy Committee for working very closely with them. Lydia Hamnquist from the Recycling and Renewable Energy Committee will be present to report on the committee's recommendation to the Selectmen, including the requested specifications, special terms and conditions to be included in the agreement. Needs town's special conditions and criteria by July 3, 2013.

The Board of Selectmen complimented the Recycling Renewable Energy Committee for all their hard work.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to enter into the Participation Agreement for LED Streetlight Retrofit Full Conversion Project subject to the Special Terms and Condition as stated in Exhibit A of the agreement*

**Motion by:** David McChesney    **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson  
-Motion Withdrawn-

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to enter into the Participation*

*Agreement for LED Streetlight Retrofit Full Conversion Project subject to the Special Terms and Condition as follows:*

1. *Type two Head*
2. *The maximum color level be between 2500 and 3500 Kelvins or lower*
3. *The Maximum brightness be 5500 Lumens*
4. *Every light have a factory installed backlight shield*
5. *Subject to Assistant Town Manager's discretion.*

**Motion by: Tom Donegan    Seconded By: Erik Yingling    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**4B    JOINT MEETING WITH PROVINCETOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Present: Chair Cheryl Andrews, Stephen DelGizzo, Diana Fabbri, Kritin Hatch, Nancy Jacobson and Provincetown Housing Authority Executive Director Patrick J. Manning.

Open discussion on the following topics.

1. Expansion of Maushope with possible sewer hook-up. Use letter of year ago as being in favor pending expenses.
2. Sale of PHA Property: 951R Commercial Street - No further information at this time. Executive Session material only.
3. Report of the Commission for Public Housing Sustainability and Reform. Regionalization proposal is not moving forward at this time. Not sure how this would impact the Provincetown Housing Authority elder programs.

Board of Selectmen will move forward with possible grant applications. No motions made.

**5A    BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Bob Hazard as a Regular Member of the Shellfish Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2016.***

**Motion by: Erik Yingling    Seconded By: David McChesney  
Yea 4    Nay 1 (Tom Donegan)**

**Need to look into the unexcused absence on the Shellfish Committee.**

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Donna Szeker as a Regular Member of the Human Services Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2016.***

**Motion by: Erik Yingling    Seconded By: David McChesney    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**5B    TOWN MANAGER APPOINTMENT – Conservation Commission**

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Town Manager's appointment of April Baxter as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission, pursuant to M.G. L. c.40 §8C and Charter §6-6-1 with a term to expire on December 31, 2014.***

**Motion by: Elaine Anderson    Seconded By: Erik Yingling    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**6A ORGANIC LAND MANAGEMENT**

**Attendees:** DPW Deputy Director Richard Waldo, Public Health & Safety Officer Morgan Clark and Ms. Laura Kelley of Littlefield Landscapes.

Richard Waldo went over the findings and emphasized that it would not be difficult to switch to an organic land management plan. Recommended new contractor to initiate an organic land management program, with the only exception being the treatment of poison ivy.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute a contract with Cape Cod Safe Lawns, P.O. Box 41, Hyannis, MA for a 1 year organic lawn care service contract in the amount of \$6,750.00.*

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan    **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson    Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute a contract with Littlefield Landscapes, P.O. Box 17, North Eastham, MA for a 1 year organic consulting service contract in the amount of \$1,500.00.*

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan    **Seconded By:** Erik Yingling    Yea 5    Nay 0

**6B TAX RATE CLASSIFICATION - Informational Session**

In response to the Board of Selectmen, Principal Assessor Paul Gavin gave a brief description of the differences between the tax classifications.

Discussion of the three options available for shifting the tax burden:

1. Split Tax Rate – shift tax burden from residential to commercial
2. Residential Exemption – shift tax burden within the residential class, providing tax relief to owner’s principal residence.
3. Small- Commercial Exemption – shifts tax burden within the commercial class, shifting the tax burden to larger commercial rather than smaller commercial.

**6C PILGRIM BARK PARK AMENDMENT**

Sponsorship Opportunity – Banner Program

**Attendees:** Debbie Grabler, President of the Pilgrim Dog Park Association along with Mitch Hollander.

The existing Operation Agreement for the Dog Park requires any amendments to the original agreement be approved by the Board of Selectmen. Because the banners will be interior and not oriented to the public way, the Zoning Enforcement Officer does not consider them to be off-site signage and no further approvals would be required.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Banner Program for the Pilgrim Bark Park for a period to end December 31, 2013*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson    **Seconded By:** David McChesney    Yea 5    Nay 0

**6D1 VISITOR SERVICES BOARD**

FY 2014 Contract renewal with Graphic Artist Firm (ATM 13)

Director of Tourism Anthony Fuccillo. Funds included in the VSB marketing budget.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the request of the Visitor Services Board to renew existing contract with Ellsworth Creative, 188 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657, as the Town of Provincetown's graphic design firm to the Tourism Office in an amount not to exceed \$15,000; to commence on July 1, 2013, and expire on June 30, 2014.*

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

**6D2 VISITOR SERVICES BOARD**

FY 2014 Contract renewal with PR Firm (ATM 13)

Director of Tourism Anthony Fuccillo. Funds included in the VSB marketing budget.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the request of the Visitor Services Board to renew existing contract with Marmillion + Company Strategic Communications 227 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657, as Provincetown's public relations firm to the Tourism Office in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 plus expenses; to commence on July 1, 2013, and expire on June 30, 2014.*

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

*Erik Yingling left the room.*

**6E1 AIRPORT COMMISSION – Non-Illuminated Taxiway Signs**

Airport Manager Butch Lisenby Michael Garrity Engineering Consultant.

The project includes the installation of thirteen (13) MASS DOT provided non-illuminated taxiway guidance signs. The Airport has designated taxiway names for four different taxiways on the airfield as identified on the Jeppesen airway manuals and so forth. To assist the Airport in issuing safer NOTMAMs and to help provide a safer environment for pilots on the field thirteen (13) non-illuminated taxiway guidance signs will be installed on the field. The locations of the signs will meet FAA criteria.

The funding breakdown is: MassDOT 80%, Town 20%

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute a grant in the amount of \$7,200.00 from the MassDOT / Aeronautics Division for installation of thirteen (13) non-illuminated taxiway guidance signs at the Provincetown Municipal Airport; and as approved to form by Town Counsel*

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 4 Nay 0

**6E2 AIRPORT COMMISSION – Replace Security Cameras DVR**

Airport Manager Butch Lisenby

This project consists of: Replacing the Security Cameras DVR due to a breakdown of the existing DVR System

The funding breakdown is: MassDOT 100%

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute Grant Assurances from the MassDOT / Aeronautics Division for Replacing Security Cameras DVR at the Provincetown Municipal Airport; and approve to form by Town Counsel*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson    **Seconded By:** David McChesney    Yea 4    Nay 0

**Erik Yingling returned.**

**6E3**    **AIRPORT COMMISSION** - Replace Wind Cone / Rehab Segmented Circle / Modify Airfield Guidance Signs / Crack Seal and Slurry Seal General Aviation Tie Down Ramp.

Airport Manager Butch Lisenby

This project consists of: Replacing the Wind Direction Cone / Rehabilitating the Segmented Circle (Air Traffic Direction Circle) / Modifying Airfield Guidance Signs / Crack Seal and Slurry Seal the General Aviation Tie Down Apron.

The funding breakdown is: FAA 90%, MassDOT 7.5%, Provincetown 2.5%

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute a contract in the amount of \$156,344.00 with KOBO Utility Construction Corp., Sandwich, MA for the construction work required for Replacing Wind Cone / Rehab Segmented Circle / Modify Airfield Guidance Signs / Crack Seal and Slurry Seal the General Aviation Tie Down Ramp at the Provincetown Municipal Airport; and approved as to form by Town Counsel.*

**Motion by:** David McChesney    **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson    Yea 5    Nay 0

**6E4**    **AIRPORT COMMISSION** – CIP Projects Endorsement

Airport Manager Butch Lisenby

This endorsement outlines the Planned Projects of the Provincetown Municipal Airport's Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) List

The Provincetown Municipal Airport Commission proposes a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) of safety and facility improvements for the Airport. Implementation of the CIP will fulfill the Airport's mission to operate a safe, secure, and reliable primary service airport receiving scheduled passenger flight service. The unique environmental setting and history of the area have shaped the size and character of the Airport and have been considered during the planning and design of the proposed CIP projects.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute an endorsement of the Provincetown Municipal Airport's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Planned Projects; and approved as to form by Town Counsel.*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson    **Seconded By:** David McChesney    Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION:** Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reconsider their vote for agenda item 6E1 and 6E2 so that Selectman Yingling may vote.

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 5 Nay 0

*Revote for 6E1 and 6E2 changed to Yea 5 Nay 0*

**6F1 TREASURER'S TRANSFERS – Library Gift Fund**

This voucher \$2,901.94 is for the purchase of an Apple computer and accessories donated by Robert Duffy and approved at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 13, 2013. The Library Gift Fund has a balance of \$15,279.87 after this purchase.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Library Gift Funds, pursuant to MGL C44 § 53A, to approve the use of \$2,901.94 from the Library Gift Fund to pay for the attached invoice(s).*

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan **Seconded By:** Erik Yingling Yea 5 Nay 0

**6F2 TREASURER'S TRANSFERS – John Anderson Francis Scholarship Fund**

Attached to this agenda item are the minutes and payment authorization from the John Anderson Francis Scholarship Committee in support of this request totaling \$200.00 leaving a remaining balance in the John Anderson Francis Scholarship Fund of \$1,139,812.35

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Scholarship Funds, to approve the transfer of \$200.00 from the John Anderson Francis Scholarship Fund for the payment of scholarship(s) and reimbursement of expenditure(s).*

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan **Seconded By:** Erik Yingling Yea 5 Nay 0

**6F3 TREASURER'S TRANSFERS – Disability Commission Gift Fund**

Attached to the agenda item is the authorized voucher to pay this request totaling \$138.94 from the Disability Commission's Gift Fund leaving a balance of \$2,129.94.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Town of Provincetown Gift Funds, pursuant to MGL C44 § 53A, to approve the use of \$138.94 from the Disability Commission's Gift Fund to pay for the attached invoice(s).*

**Motion by:** David McChesney **Seconded By:** Tom Donegan Yea 5 Nay 0

**6F4 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE #1100**

**From the April 2, 2012 Annual Town Meeting:**

Article #5-6	- Stormwater Management Project	\$ 37,000.00
Article #5-9	- Re-Paving Commercial Street	\$ 115,000.00

**From the April 2, 2012 Special Town Meeting:**

Article #8	-PHS Painting/Sealing Walls	\$ 86,000.00
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**From the April 1, 2013 Special Town Meeting:**

Article #10	-Replacement of Water Main	\$ 54,000.00
Article #12	-Pick Up Truck for Water Dept.	\$ 25,000.00
Article #14	-Excavator for Water Dept.	\$ 50,000.00

**TOTAL BAN #1100** \$ 367,000.00

Interest Rate = \$367,000.00 x 0.45% = \$1651.50/365 (4.52)\*.279 = \$1,261.08

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, to issue Bond Anticipation Note #1100 in the amount of \$367,000.00 dated June 26, 2013 at .45% (\$1,261.08.) interest payable at maturity to Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank due April 1, 2014.*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 5 Nay 0

**6F5 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE #1100**

**From the April 4, 2011 Special Town Meeting:**

Article #6	-Wastewater More Opt & Exp. Phase 3	\$ 537,000.00
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**From the April 2, 2012 Special Town Meeting:**

Article #5	-Wastewater Optimization	\$ 1,901,000.00
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**TOTAL BAN #1101** \$ 2,438,000.00

Interest Rate = \$2,438,000.00 x 0.45% = \$10,971/365 (30.06)\*.279 = \$8,386.05

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to issue Bond Anticipation Note #1101 in the amount of \$2,438,000.00 dated June 26, 2013 at .45% (\$8,386.05.) interest payable at maturity to Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank due April 1, 2014.*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 5 Nay 0

**6G TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM – Request for Beer & Wine Service**  
AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod

This is an annual event. There were no concerns or incidents at last year's event. Alcohol service will be managed by applicant who will get a One Day Special Alcohol License from the Licensing Board as with prior years.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to the Regulations for Public Use of Town Hall, to authorize the consumption or sale of beer, wine or champagne service in the Town Hall Auditorium as requested by Joe Carleo of AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod, for the annual live auction fundraiser to be held on Saturday, August 31, 2013 (5:00 pm to 11:00 pm).*

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

**6H1 PARADE PERMIT - AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod**

Parade route to commence at Snail Road at Route 6A, continue on to Commercial Street, onto MacMillan Wharf back to Commercial Street to finish at Pilgrim's First Landing Park.

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Parade Application*



*Permit submitted by the Events Coordinator Tanya Rosario on behalf of the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod for their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Run/Walk to be held on Sunday, July 21, 2013 from 7:45 am to 9:30 am. No rain date.*

**Motion by: David McChesney    Seconded By: Erik Yingling    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**6H2    PARADE PERMIT – Carrie A. Seaman Animal Shelter (CASAS)**

Parade route to commence at the St. Mary's of the Harbor and march West on Commercial Street to the Pied Bar.

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Parade Application Permit submitted by Carol MacDonald, on behalf of CASAS to hold their annual pledge walk on Sunday - September 29, 2013 form 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM.***

**Motion by: Tom Donegan    Seconded By: Elaine Anderson    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**6I    SURPLUS EQUIPMENT – Police Vehicle**

This equipment has been identified as surplus equipment.

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B and Provincetown General By-law §6-4-6, to declare the following list of equipment as surplus and to authorize the Town Manager to dispose of same via the Property Room Auction process.***

*One 2004 Ford Crown Victoria - VIN # 2FAFP1W64X159281*

**Motion by: Tom Donegan    Seconded By: Elaine Anderson    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**6J    VMCC MOVING CONTRACT**

Vanguard Moving Services, Yarmouth Port, MA

The move is planned for July 10 – July 13, 2013. The funding is coming from Buildings and Grounds budget.

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to direct Town Manager Sharon Lynn, at her discretion, approve the moving contract with Vanguard Moving Services, PO Box 243, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675 in an amount not to exceed \$14,650.00.***

**Motion by: David McChesney    Seconded By: Elaine Anderson    Yea 5    Nay 0**

**7A    TOWN MANAGER SHARON LYNN FOLLOW-UP**

FEMA conducted a meeting in town regarding reimbursement for storm related expenses. The team inspected the Pier and made recommendations for repairs and improvements. Approximate cost of \$1.6 million with a potential 75% reimbursement from FEMA.

Will also apply to MEMA.

Mooring meeting occurred today with the Army Corp of Engineers. All of the permit holders were either present or represented. Army Corp admitted to lack of administration and communication with the permit holders.

**7B SCANLON REPORT – FY 2012**

Review of Scanlon & Associates FY 2012 audit report and management letter by Finance Director Dan Hoort. Open discussion ensued. No motions made.

**7C FY 2014 TOWN WIDE POLICY GOALS**

**Annual Goal-setting Exercise**

*Reschedule to next agenda meeting with Public Hearing changed to August 12, 2013.*

**7D ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**

Town Manager, Secretary to Board of Selectmen

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to the employment agreement dated May 7, 2007, to establish Town Manager Sharon Lynn's annual performance appraisal score as 19 - exceeds expectations .*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson    **Seconded By:** Erik Yingling  
Yea 4    Nay 0    Abstain 1 (Tom Donegan did not evaluate.)

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to establish Board of Selectmen's Secretary Vernon Porter's annual performance appraisal score as 14 - meets expectations.*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson    **Seconded By:** Erik Yingling  
Yea 4    Nay 0    Abstain 1 (Tom Donegan did not evaluate.)

**7E OTHER - None**

**8. MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS**

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen approve the following minutes as printed: November 14, 2011 (Revised minutes as reviewed by BOS Secretary and Town Counsel Lauren Goldberg.); June 10, 2013 (Special Mtg. 4:30 PM); June 10, 2013 (Regular Mtg.),*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson    **Seconded By:** David McChesney    Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of June 18, 2013 (Special Mtg. 4 PM) as printed.*

**Motion by:** Tom Donegan    **Seconded By:** Elaine Anderson    Yea 5    Nay 0

**9. CLOSING STATEMENTS**

**Tom Donegan**

Would like to reconsider the Covanta vote and investigate using the solid waste facility in New Bedford.

When are we going to reschedule the Board of Selectmen's visit to Chatham Police Station?  
Wants to understand how the DPW garage factors in.

Wants to understand how soon we will need to replace the roof at the VMCC?

**Elaine Anderson**

DPW Garage/Police Station was one project originally. The DPW department just wants to make sure they are not forgotten in planning.

**David McChesney** – None

**Erik Yingling**

Congratulations the Film Festival.

Town Manager looking into the election night incident wants to know the outcome of the investigation. Town Manager explained, in detail, the outcome of the investigation.

**Austin Knight**

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter of thanks to Gabby Hanna for her dedication to and upon her retirement from the Provincetown Film Festival.*

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

Motion to adjourn by Elaine Anderson at 10:17 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen  
July 2, 2013

**Public Statement**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
*June 24, 2013*

*BoS Mtg  
6/24/13 - Attach # 1*

Dear Members of the Board,

A short time ago, the Bicycle Committee decided to use the occasion of the World Fest for Summer Workers to promote bike safety and cyclist education. On June 16<sup>th</sup>, between Noon and 6 PM, we offered free safety checks on about 60 bicycles and we provided free lights, bells and pant-leg reflectors to all those who completed our 10 Question quiz on cyclist rules of the road.

In all, 191 questionnaires were filled in (averaging 1 every 30 seconds). We handed out over 100 bike lights, around 75 Pings (bells) and about 50 pant-leg reflectors. Needless to say, we were thrilled with this first effort and hope to follow it up at other occasions.

The Bike Committee especially wants to thank the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House for the use of their front lawn and both Gale Force Bikes and Ptown Bikes for providing the personnel to conduct the Safety Checks. Working together as a community, we can make a difference.

Riding down Commercial St after dark last night close to 9 PM from West Vine to Johnson St, I was quite disappointed, however, to see that over 80% of the cyclists (and they were numerous) did not have any lights (neither front, nor rear). Our job of education is far from finished and I hope to see Police enforcement this summer maybe get through to many people that it is not legal in Massachusetts to ride a bike after dark without a front white light and a rear red light or reflector.

So a great cheer for education, but caution that there is much more to do.

Thank you,



Roger Chauvette  
Chair, Bicycle Committee

Public Statement Bought  
Katherine Reiss 6/24/13 #2

BOS 6/24 Scott

I work with a citizen group called TOXFREE. We are seven people who are behind the movement to get toxins out of town land. We have been meeting with Rich Waldo.

Over a year ago, at town meeting, voters almost unanimously voted to stop using herbicides. People understand the dangers and want this change.

David, I worked the past 3 years in the house you recently bought.

Everytime Scott lawn service came, they would put up little warning flags

And we stayed off the lawn for awhile, because it was toxic.

The landscaper you now have services many of the properties in town and he only uses organic products. I am happy for you but remained very concerned that the town is continuing to use poisons this year. Children and dogs roll around on these lawns and The rains wash these chemicals into our harbor and ponds.

I know the proposal by the DPW will eventually switch over to an organic lawn management plan, but I don't understand the need to do it over a period of years. We already know how these poisons are affecting us and our environment. Landscapers are already changing over.

So why is town government lagging behind.

We have investigated and have been told that the grass will be fine without the chemicals and that continuing this year with the chemicals will only degrade the land further.

We know these chemicals are poisoning us. Just stop using them now.

I know that Rich Waldo wants to do the right thing and I am very impressed with the respect he showed to our group and his willingness to implement a better plan for the town. It would be great if the town could show leadership on this matter, because we know that too much round up and scott products are being

sold to homeowners in Ptown. The town cannot attempt to educate them unless the town is doing the right thing.

Elaine, etc

I also want to address issues from this past election. I am very concerned that there was such a concerted effort to undermine the will of the voters and that it came from town government including the BOS.

I have talked with the Rev Kate Wilkinson from the UU and Stan Hudson, President of the UU Board regarding the use of a UU mailing list by Elaine Anderson to ask the congregation to vote for Austin. Both Kate and Stan were not happy that this happened and told me that they told Elaine never to do this again.

They also assured me that they would put out a policy statement forbidding the use of the mailing list for political matters. This member of the BOS was so desperate to use her political influence that she jeopardized the IRS status of her own church. What infuriates me Elaine, is that you would continue to thwart a change that such a large part of the population wants. Why all this desperation to keep out any new or different voices.

Tom Donegan, ex chair of the finance committee, got more votes than the present chair of the BOS. That's a fact not an opinion or divisive statement. You are still not listening to this very large group of citizens. We do not need you to defend the honor of the TM. We need you to listen to us and try to represent all of us.

The TM and the BOS spent the past year harassing the finance committee and trying to portray our work as uniformed and wrong and refusing to share needed information with us. The voters obviously did not agree with your assessment. Stop playing the "whose being divisive game" and open up your ears.

The criticisms are not from a dozen people but from a very large part of the population. Even the Banner editorial stated that a change was needed. The vote

is sacred. It is the will of the people. It is important that we know what went down and we want you to find out and stop future abuses.

I question whether Elaine should be involved in this particular discussion. Perhaps she should recuse herself.

Most yearrounders recognize that there exists a large division in the town.

One side is for the status quo. Their getting their needs met. The other, equally large part of the population is very dissatisfied. Who do you represent?

If you continue to represent only the status quo, the dissatisfaction will grow. We are not creating a division. The division exists. We are creating a movement to have our voices heard in the political process. Will you hear this dissent and respond to it or will you continue to try to block us out.

We're all well meaning people who care about Provincetown. Sometimes we make mistakes. We all gain by sharing information and ideas.

We need to hear all voices in order to move forward.