

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2016

Meeting held in the Judge Welsh Room of Town Hall

Present: Judith Cicero, Tom Coen, Michelle Crone-DeMarco, Marcy Feller, Steve Katsurinis, Robert Speiser

Absent Excused: Julia Perry, Robert Vetrick, Elizabeth Williams

The Meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair at 1:00 pm.

1. There were no Public Statements.

2. Members discussed the Charter Commission process in general - who will work on which Chapter, whether Chapters can be merged, whether various formats of Government should be continued or modified, etc. Judith offered her own list of issues to address. Members proposed having Tom Coen discuss his process for addressing Chapter 9 as a sample process.

- Robert Speiser discussed the letter he has sent to the Town Boards (except the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee).

- Tom Coen offered to share the Eastham Charter. The Commission discussed the need to consider lifting or modifying term limits.

- The Commission discussed the need for educating Committee members as to the processes of Town Boards - perhaps referencing Robert's Rules of Order, or another process.

- Tom Coen advised the Commission of his and the Chair's meeting with a representative of the Second/Part-Time Home Owners and their request for consideration of allowing part-time residents to serve on Committees and have a representative speak at Town Meeting.

- Steve Katsurinis proposed setting out a process in the Charter to cooperate with other Townships and potentially annex property.

- Members discussed processes at Town Meeting, and how to make them accessible.

3. It was confirmed that the next regular Meeting will be held on Monday, August 29, at 1 pm.

4. Discussion of State law versus the Charter.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:15.