

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Minutes for February 27, 2017

Meeting held in the Judge Welsh Meeting Room, Town Hall

Present: Judith Cicero, Tom Coen, Michelle Crone-DeMarco, Marcy Feller, , Julia Perry, Robert Speiser, Robert Vetrick, Elizabeth Williams

Absent Excused: Steve Katsurinis

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:05 pm.

1. Public Statements - none.
2. The Commission continued discussion of Tom Coen's draft of the Chapter addressing Financial Procedures (old Chapter 9, new Chapter 6).
3. The Commission also discussed ways to improve Town Meeting:
 - Allow point of order questions before opening the debate.
 - Reduce speaking time from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.
 - Direct speakers not to repeat points made by the previous speaker. ("I agree with the previous speaker's comments and I would also like to add.")
 - After the persons at the front (BOS, Finance Committee, other presenters) have made their reports, only allow them to speak in response to a question from the Town through the Moderator.
 - Prohibit the calling of the question until both the pro and con positions have been heard. ("Before I allow the vote on calling the question, would anyone like to address the opposite position than has already been heard?")
 - Provide more comfortable seating.
8. Minutes for February 21, 2017, were accepted.

Next meeting scheduled for 1 pm on March 6, 2017.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:30.