



Select Board

# Meeting Agenda

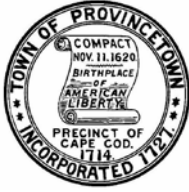
The Provincetown Board of Selectmen will hold a public meeting on Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 12:45 p.m., in the Judge Welsh Meeting Room, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657

1. *Proclamation – Declare Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 AIDS Memorial Day – Votes May be Taken*
2. *Attend the unveiling/dedication to the AIDS Memorial on the East Lawn of Town Hall – beginning at 1:30 p.m. - no deliberation will occur/no motions will be made*

Louise Venden  
Chair, Select Board

Approved:

Posted by the Assistant Town Clerk: [www.provincetown-ma.gov](http://www.provincetown-ma.gov), 06/13/2018, 11:35 am AR



Provincetown Select Board  
**AGENDA ACTION REQUEST**  
Saturday, June 16, 2018

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## Day of Remembering Provincetown's Response AIDS

Requested by: Cultural Council

Action Sought: **Approval**

### Proposed Motion(s)

Move that the Select Board vote to proclaim Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as the Day of Remembering Provincetown's Response to AIDS in the Town of Provincetown.

### Additional Information

Please see attached Proclamation.

### Board Action

<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>In favor</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	<i>Disposition</i>

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# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the epidemic of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) that was first recognized in 1981 hit the Provincetown community especially hard; and

WHEREAS, Provincetown historically has a large resident gay population attracted by the diversity and tolerance of this community; and

WHEREAS, many individuals who were ill with AIDS, and who did not feel safe or welcome in their own home communities at the exact time that they needed love, compassion and care; came to Provincetown to live out their lives surrounded by a loving, caring community; and

WHEREAS, with AIDS a newly-described and clearly communicable infectious disorder, there was a fundamental lack of solid scientific knowledge about modes of transmission, diagnosis and treatment; and

WHEREAS, despite the fear of contagion, and the many unknowns about AIDS at the time, the residents of Provincetown provided housing, food, personal and health care and social supports to many community newcomers and long-term residents who were ill; and

WHEREAS, the Provincetown Cultural Council contracted with artist Lauren Ewing to design and construct a fitting memorial to honor and remember the many dear friends we lost and to honor and remember the time when our Town stood tall as an example to the world of how to treat our brothers and sisters with love and compassion; and

WHEREAS the Provincetown AIDS Memorial was the work of many, many people over more than fourteen years; people who advocated, explored site possibilities, raised the necessary funding, and drove the process to design a public art work commemorating the toleration and welcome displayed by the community, over all the years of this fearful epidemic, which continues; and  
In Remembrance of all those who have passed;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in recognition of those who suffered, those who cared for them, and those whose tireless efforts have brought the Provincetown AIDS Memorial to its site on Town Hall lawn; the Select Board of the Town of Provincetown, in the County of Barnstable of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, does hereby proclaim:

**Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

as

**Day of Remembering Provincetown's Response to AIDS**

*in the Town of Provincetown*

**The Honorable Select Board**

Louise Venden, Chairman

Thomas Donegan, Vice Chair

Cheryl Andrews

Robert Anthony

Lise King

Town Manager  
David B. Panagore