

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – EMERGENCY MEETING
MARCH 22, 2020, 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Chair Abramson convened the open meeting at 7:00 pm noting the following:

Select Board attending: Chair David Abramson, Vice Chair Robert Anthony, Members John Golden, Lise King and Louise Venden

Excused:

Other attendees: Town Manager Robin L Craver, and Select Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

NOTE: THIS IS A REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

The Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Provincetown Select Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Provincetown website, at <https://www.provincetown-ma.gov/>.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 20(b), the Select Board and the Board of Health will hold an emergency meeting in the Judge Welch Hearing Room at Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA, Sunday, March 22, 2020 7 PM for the purpose of discussing the following items: The Chairs have determined that an emergency exists because of public safety concerns and that this circumstance is an unexpected occurrence, which demands immediate action. Votes may be taken.

Town Manager Craver did roll Call for attendance

David Abramson: Here

John Golden: Here

Louise Vended: Here

Robert Anthony: Here

Lise King: Here

Health Director Morgan Clark did roll Call Vote for attendance

Stephen Katsurinis: Here

Susan Troyan: Here

Janet Whelan: Here

Elise Cozzi: Here

Irv Morgan: Here

Christoper Hartley: Here

Kalliope Chute: Here

1. Discuss the two (2) positive confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Provincetown.

Town Manager Craver and Health Director Morgan Clark requested the emergency meeting due to the two (2) confirmed cases of COVID-19 as well as the swell of people in Town over the weekend. This has created a public safety concerns and the chairs deemed this qualified for an emergency meeting.

2. Discuss and vote on Declaration of State of Emergency

Board of Health Chair Stephen Katsurinis gave a summary of the Shelter in Place Order the Board of Health is going to be issuing to the two (2) boards. It allows for essential businesses to stay open and the closure of all non-essential businesses; those that qualify as being essential are outline in the order. There are also specific orders for people who test positive. Provides for best practice; to be near your primary health care physician. The Health Department has been doing outreach to business owners to change behaviors. If businesses are unable to comply, the Board of Health has the authority to go further. The hope is that this order will discourage visitors coming into town. The Boards and staff discussed their concerns and other measurers that the Board of Health may consider imposing. In order for the Order to be effective, the Select Board has to declare a State of Emergency to represent the will of the Town from both bodies. The Boards came to a consensus that the order will go to April 30th and they will meet as necessary as developments occur.

Move that the Select Board vote to a Declaration of State of Emergency and to authorize the Town Manager to consult with KP Law for a final Order and to revisit this tomorrow night at the 6 PM meeting of the Select Board

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: Louise Venden

Roll Call Vote:

DA : Yea

LK: Yea

LV: Yea

RA: Yea

JG: Yea

Motion Carries

3. Discuss and vote on Shelter and Place Order.

Move that the Board of Health adopt the order as amended to the April 30th date with review and approval by Town Council.

Motion: Stephen Katsurinis

Seconded: Elise Cozzi

Roll Call Vote:

SK: Yes

ST: Yes

JW: Yea

EC: Yea

KC: Yea

IM : Yea

CH: Yea

Motion Carries.

Move that the Select Board vote to authorize the Town Manager to ban all parking for none residents

Motion: David Abramson

Seconded: Louise Venden

DA: Yea

LK: Yea

LV: yea

RA: Yea

JG : Yea

Motion Carries.

Chair Abramson and Chair Katsurinis thanked Town staff for all their work over the weekend on this.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Elizabeth Paine