

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 20, 2020, 5:00 PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Chair Abramson convened the open meeting at 5:00 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: Acting Town Manager David Gardner, and Select Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

**NOTE: THIS IS A REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING**

The July 20, 2020, meeting of the Provincetown Select Board is about to be convened. As a precautionary measure to reduce the spread of coronavirus, all Town buildings are closed to the public; therefore, this meeting will be held by remote participation. My name is David Abramson; Chair of the Select Board I will begin by taking a roll call for quorum.

Chair David Abramson  
Vice Chair John Golden  
Robert Anthony  
Lise King  
Louise Venden

Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, the Governor’s March 23, 2020, Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, and Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, this meeting of the Provincetown Select Board is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access and participate in the proceedings as provided for in the Order. Persons who would like to view this meeting while in progress may do so by watching on PTV GOV Channel 18, as well as the online livestream of PTV GOV. Participation is only available through telephone where members of the public will be allowed to speak during the public comment portion of the hearing by dialing (833) 579-7589. When prompted, enter the following conference number: 194 145 255#. Please do not speak until the chair asks for public comments or questions and keep your phone muted at all times. Use \*6 to mute or unmute your phone. Clearly state your name each and every time prior to speaking and remember to mute your phone when not talking. We will post a record of this meeting on Provincetown’s website as soon as possible. All votes must be roll call votes. After a motion is made and there is a second, the Chair will ask for a roll call vote. All motions, decisions, documents, and letters should be verbally referenced for the record. Packet materials are available for viewing on the Town website. If it appears the meeting cannot or should not proceed the meeting will be continued to a later date and time.

**1. Review and discuss Select Board Policy 2020-07-20: Select Board Liaison – (Votes May Be Taken)**

Chair Abramson presented a draft Select Board Policy based on the Town of Truro’s that clearly defines the role of Select Board Liaisons.

**Move that the Select Board approve Select Board Policy Statement 2020-07-20 Select Board Liaison.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Louise Venden**

**Roll Call Vote**

**DA: Aye**

**JG: Aye**

**RA: Aye**

**LK: Aye**

**LV: Aye**

**2. Appointment of Select Board Liaisons – (Votes May Be Taken)**

**MOVE that the Select Board vote to appoint John Golden as a trustee to the OPEB Trust, for a term of one (1) year commencing immediately.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Lise King**

**Roll Call Vote**

**DA: Aye**

**JG: Aye**

**RA: Aye**

**LK: Aye**

**LV: Aye**

**MOVE that the Select Board vote to appoint Louise Venden as Liaison to Stellwagen Bank Advisory Committee, for a term of one (1) year commencing immediately.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Lise King**

**Roll Call Vote**

**DA: Aye**

**JG: Aye**

**RA: Aye**

**LK: Aye**

**LV: Aye**

**MOVE that the Select Board vote to appoint Lise King as Liaison to Harbor Committee, for a term of one (1) year commencing immediately.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Robert Anthony**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**  
**Robert Anthony: Aye**  
**Lise King: Aye**  
**LV: Aye**

**MOVE that the Select Board vote to appoint John Golden as Liaison to Provincetown Public Pier Corp, for a term of one (1) year commencing immediately.**

**Motion: David Abramson**  
**Second: Louise Venden**

**Roll Call Vote**

**DA: Aye**  
**JG: Aye**  
**RA: Aye**  
**LK: Aye**  
**LV: Aye**

**3. Select Board Rules of Procedures – (Votes May Be Taken)**

The Select Board reviewed and presented suggested changes to their Rules of Procedures.

**MOVE that the Select Board vote approve BOS Rules of Procedure change all references of Selectmen to Select Board Members.**

**Motion: David Abramson**  
**Second: Lise King**

**Roll Call Vote**

**DA: Aye**  
**JG: Aye**  
**RA: Aye**  
**LK: Aye**  
**LV: Aye**

Member Louise Venden proposed the language creating a 4 G “Each Select Board Member shall have 2 opportunities to speak for 5 minutes each time on an agenda item in order to avoid repetition and clear complete statements on topics before us”.

**Move that the Select Board vote to approve BOS Rules of Procedure under section 4, adding item G. “Each Select Board Member shall have 2 opportunities to speak for 5 minutes each time on an agenda item in order to avoid repetition and clear complete statements on topics before us”.**

**Motion: David Abramson**  
**Second: Robert Anthony**

The Board discussed their individual concerns.

**Roll Call Vote**

**DA- No**  
**JG-No**  
**RA-No**  
**LK- No**  
**LV – Aye**

**Motion doesn't pass.**

John Golden proposed limiting the length of public speaking to 30 minutes.

**Move that the Select Board vote to approve the BOS Rules of Procedures section 4 e. Limit the public statements to a total of 30 minutes.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Robert Anthony**

The Board discussed their individual concerns.

**Roll Call**

**DA – No**

**JG – No**

**RA – No**

**LK – No**

**LV – No**

John Golden's next proposal, adding a limitation to the Select Board's statement to 3 minutes.

**Move that the Select Board vote to approve the amendment of Section 4F to add the language Each board member is limited to three (3) minutes of speaking time.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Robert Anthony**

The Board discussed their individual concerns.

**Roll Call**

**DA: No**

**JG: Yes**

**RA: Yes**

**LK: No**

**LV: Yes**

**Motion carries.**

**4. Discuss designation of Interim Town Manager and hiring of a new Town Manager (Votes May Be Taken)**

At the last meeting, Member King was given the task to reach out and contact persons who may be interested in serving as the interim Town Manager. The top of the list was qualification, starting in a timely manner, and how much time they would be expected to devote to this position over the next 6 months. The 2 people who floated to the top of the list are David Colten and Charles Summer. Mr. Colten came highly recommended by a number of people in town, he is a retired, he has 2 current clients he would have to devote some time to. He could commit to 6 months upfront. He has a number of experiences including Town Manager experience and a lot of experience with the issues that touch on this town. He is committed to Provincetown and a member of community. Mr. Sumner, lives in the Town of Brewster. His current contract is to provide consultant services. He was the town administrator for the Town of Brewster and currently is the moderator for the town. He is local in Brewster and would be willing to work as long as we needed. Both of these candidates would also be willing to help hire the new Town Manager.

The Board discussed holding a special meeting to interview the candidates.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Elizabeth Paine