

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 6:00 PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

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

Excused:

Other attendees: Interim Town Manager Charles Sumner, and Select Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

The January 11, 2021 Provincetown Select Board Meeting is about to be convened. My name is Elizabeth Paine, Secretary to the Select Board, and I will begin by taking a roll call for quorum.

Chair David Abramson: Here

Vice Chair John Golden: Here

Robert Anthony: Here

Lise King: Here

Louise Venden: Here

In keeping with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020; “Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law” – All Participation will be by Remote Access. 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

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Packet materials are available for viewing on the Town website. We will post a record of this meeting on the Provincetown’s website as soon as possible. If it appears the meeting cannot or should not proceed the meeting will be continued to a later date and time.

Chair Abramson convened the open meeting at 6:00 pm

***Consent Agenda – Approval without objection required for the following items:***

- A. Appoint Michael L. Litvin as an alternate member to the Community Housing Council with a term to expire June 30, 2023.**
- B. Approve time extension of EDP 19-11, The Barracks Housing Development, 207 Route 6 to expire on November 12, 2021.**
- C. Direct Interim Town Manager to coordinate COVID-19 Remembrance to occur on January 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm.**

**Member Lise King asked to pull 00C.**

**Without objection Chair David Abramson waived the reading of the consent items 00A and 00B without further objection declared the consent agenda approved.**

**00C. Direct Interim Town Manager to coordinate COVID-19 Remembrance to occur on January 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm and to issue a communication to town community members to participate as well.**

**Motion: Lise King**  
**Second: John Golden**  
**Roll Call Vote**

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

**1. Public Statements – Three (3) minutes maximum. Select Board Members do not respond during public statements**

- **Laura Rood** – Spoke about the events of January 6<sup>th</sup> at the capital and the comments made by a group of women at the last Select Board meeting. Asking the Select Board and Town Counsel to review taking action against a committee member.
- **Michael Murphy** – Asking the Board to be more understanding to local businesses trying to service during this pandemic.
- **Donna Walker** – Requested that the Select Board and the Town staff to listen to their citizens, especially the women.
- **Alexandra** – Spoke to the Board about the ongoing social media attacked being done by the FINCOM Chair towards women.
- **Alan Roth** – Winters in DC, witnessed the events at the capital. Feels it was caused by years of hate speech. Feels the Select Board acted as cowards by deciding to avoid taking action on addresses the FINCOM Chairs behavior to others.

**2. Select Board Member’s Opening Statements – Five (5) minutes maximum.**

- **Louise Venden** – Agrees that the Board needs to address the behavior of the FINCOM Chair. Also spoke about the dysfunctionality of the Select Board. The need to create goals and direction for the new Town Manager.
- **John Golden** – It’s been quite a week. The location of the Police Station needs to be decided before the Town can move forward with anything else. The Select Board have been very busy with COVID. There is a lot of animosity in the community right now. We have a lot of work to do.
- **Lise King** – Acknowledged the speakers. The January 19<sup>th</sup> Event is being requested by President Elect to remember COVID-19 victims. Was watching on C-Span as the events began unfolding at the capital. This is a reckoning for all of us. It is the time for us to address censoring the FINCOM chair at our next meeting.
- **Robert Anthony** – Spoke about the Wednesday event that occurred at the Capital that took the lives of 2 police officers and 3 citizens. Felt the biggest failure was the Capital Police.
- **David Abramson** – Will save comments for the items.

**3. 7 PM Public Hearings – (Votes may be taken on the following items)**

- A. Street Light – to consider Petition by James McKowen to install a New Streetlight on Pole 2/15 on Bradford Street Extension at the intersection of Spinnaker Lane.**

Applicant James McKowen presented his request to install a new Streetlight at the intersection of Spinnaker Lane as it is an intersection and would provide better visuals to drivers and pedestrians. Assistant Town Manager David Gardner

presented for staff. Staff has reviewed the application, there are 2 lights in the general area. This is an intersection and can be dark in the evening hours. There are a lot of pedestrians in this area.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Select Board Comments**

Chair Abramson: Did a sight visit, did notice the two light in the area.

John Golden: Drove down there and through this area. There are two lights on either side of this area. This area is dark but it is the outside of Town. We are trying to have dark sky compliance. Ask that it is put on hold under it can be looked at again.

Lise King: Would feel more comfortable with holding this hearing in May.

Robert Anthony: I would resource EverSource to see if they can put different light bulbs in to cover whole area.

Louise Venden: East End is more heavily populated and is much darker than the area this is being discussed.

David Abramson: I am not in support of approving this application as there is already 2 lights in this area.

**Move that the Select Board vote to deny the request by James McKowen to install a new Street Light on Pole 2/15 on Bradford Street Extension at the intersection of Spinnaker Lane.**

**Motion: Louise Venden**

**Second: Robert Anthony**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**

**Member Robert Anthony: Aye**

**Lise King: Aye**

**Louise Venden: Aye**

**4. Joint Meeting/Presentations/Requests – (Votes may be taken on the following items):**

**A. Joint Meeting with Visitor Services Board**

**Roll Call**

**Chair David Burbank: Here**

**Vice Chair Regina Cassidy: Here**

**Clerk David Wilson: Here**

**Susan Avellar: Here**

**Stephen Hooper: Here**

**Andrea Sawyer: Here**

**Erik Borg: Here**

Chair Burbank called the VSB to order at 6:42 pm

Chair Burbank and Tourism Director Anthony Fuccillo presented to the Select Board the Visitor Services Board FY2022 Budget in a total of \$915,000. Staff has reviewed the revenue number and supports those numbers. There are issues that need to be spoken about as far as events and COVID-19. The Select Board members are supportive of the VSB budget requests. Members would like to see further breakdown where the advertising money is going. The

Select Board also asked if the VSB had a plan B in the event that the COVID-19 restrictions are still in place.

VSB Adjourned through unanimous consent at 7:07 p.m.

### **B. Approve in concept Location Agreement with 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox**

Per the Select Board's policy, Interim Town Manager Charlie Sumner is seeking the Select Board's approval in moving forward with the approving the film application. Select Board Member King asked for enhanced communication for the people coming into town to see the filming that the Town has strict COVID compliance.

**Move that the Select Board vote to approve in concept the Location Agreement between the Town of Provincetown and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox to allow a film production on Town Property between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and to direct the Acting Town Manager to finalize the agreement in consultation with the Police Chief and Town Counsel.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Lise King**

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**

**Member Robert Anthony: Aye**

**Member Lise King: Aye**

**Member Louise Venden: Aye**

**Move that the Select Board waive the mask mandate requirements in the areas of filming between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for the actors during the active filming.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Lise King**

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**

**Member Robert Anthony: Aye**

**Member Lise King: Aye**

**Member Louise Venden: Aye**

### **C. Discuss postponing Annual Town Meeting unit May 1, 2021**

Interim Town Manager Charlie Sumner requested the Select Board consider postponing the Annual Town Meeting to May 1, 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. Hoping to hold the Annual Town Meeting in the same location as the Sept 2020 location at the Saint Peter's Church parking lot. Select Board is in support of moving the event.

**Move that the Select Board in accordance with MGL c 39 Section 9, as amended by c. 53 Section 1 of the Act of 2020, to postpone the Annual and Special Town Meeting until Saturday May 1, 2021 at 10 am with a rain date of Saturday May 8, 2021 at 10 am.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**

**Member Robert Anthony: Aye**

**Member Lise King: Aye**

**Member Louise Venden: Aye**

**D. Presentation of FY2022 Budget by Interim Town Manager Charles Sumner and Finance Director Josee Young**

Interim Town Manager Charlie Sumner and Finance Director Josee Young presented the preliminary draft FY2022 budget. There is a 9% increase over the current budget. There is a budget deficit of over 800K. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done to support the budget, and there are a number of outstanding issues that need to be address. The Town is still dealing with a lot of issues dealing with COVID 19. This budget does include recreating issues that were cut out of the current budget. Member Louise Venden asked if the YRMRHT was to for funds to replace their roof what the process would be. Member Anthony asked a process question about reviewing the department budgets. Chair Abramson would like to see from the larger budget drivers; Police, Fire, DPW, Pier, School and Personnel.

**E. Discuss Select Board top priorities and goals for new Town Manager**

Interim Town Manager Charlie Sumner discussed with the Select Board the issues the Town Manager's Search Committee requested the Board's input.

**F. Discuss formation of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee – Requested by Member Lise King**

Select Board Member Lise King presented the formation of a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. The Select Board Members gave feedback to Member King. Member King will work on a proposal and return back with more information.

**5. Town Manager Administrative Matters – Topics to include but not limited to: (Votes may be taken on the following items):**

**1. Town Manager's Report**

Interim Town Manager Charlie Sumner gave the Select Board a highlighted summary of the Town Manager's report.

**6. Minutes – (Votes May Be Taken)**

**1. December 14, 2020 6 pm**

**Move that the Select Board approve the minutes of:**

**December 14, 2020 6 pm (Regular) [ x ] as printed [ ] with changes so noted**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: John Golden**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**

**Robert Anthony: Aye**

**Lise King: Aye**

**Louise Venden: Aye**

**7. Select Board Closing Matters - Topics to Include but not limited to: (Votes May be taken on the following items)**

- **Louise Venden** – the Board needs to continue to work on their policies and goals.
- **John Golden** – want to reiterate things are tough out there and we need to be kinder to one another. Saying hello is a good way to start that.
- **Lise King** – just wanted to note our next meeting will be after the inauguration. Encourage anyone who is feeling the pressure, reach out to those around you.
- **Robert Anthony** – anything we can do to come together and address those issues.
- **David Abramson** – I have no comment.

Chair David Abramson motioned to adjourn without objection

**Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm**

**Minutes transcribed by: Elizabeth Paine**