

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2021, 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: Town Manager Alex Morse, and Select Board Secretary Elizabeth Paine

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

Chair Abramson convened the open meeting at 6:00 pm

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

- A. Issue General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021 Bonds in the amount of \$12,710,000 with an average interest rate of 1.308% dated May 6, 2021.*

Without objection Chair David Abramson waived the reading of the consent items and without further objection moved to approve.

**Motion: David Abramson**

**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.**

- None

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

- **Robert Anthony** – All set for right now.
- **Louise Venden** – Wanted to acknowledge the verdict for Officer Chauvin and recognize Robert Anthony who sits on this board and was the chief of police for 10 years back in the 2000s. He brought about community policing efforts to this town, which was a pioneering effort at the time. We are all human beings, we are all entitled to our opinions, we must listen to one another and not simply label someone and discount their attitudes and ideas, simply because they are not one of “us”. Hope we can refrain from using those labels and try to respect others as we would want to be treated ourselves.
- **John Golden** – Would like to echo Louise’s comments.
- **Lise King** – Want to make sure people are aware of the new SPA Loan, which is open to live performance arts and museum operators. Perfect opportunity for people in Provincetown who suffered losses due to COVID. Currently developing a relationship with the Harvard University to create a working relationship to use Provincetown as a case study with their students. Happy to hear John and Louise talk about the verdict last week and proud of living in a Town where we feel safe. Thank you to our wonderful police

force who continues their work.

- **David Abramson** – Our Town Moderator Mary Jo Avellar will not be able to moderate the Town Meeting on Saturday. I have asked Steve Katsurinis to step into that roll and I think the Town voters will agree when they are asked to vote.

**3. Appointments – (Votes may be taken on the following items):**

**A. Bicycle Committee – Alexander Toller & Christopher Mathieson**

**Move that the Select Board appoint Christopher Mathieson as a regular member of the Bicycle Committee with a term to expire on December 31, 2021.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Lise King**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**

**Robert Anthony: Aye**

**Lise King: Aye**

**Louise Venden: Aye**

**Move that the Select Board appoint Alexander Toller as an alternate member of the Bicycle Committee with a term to expire on December 31, 2021.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Robert Anthony**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**

**Robert Anthony: Aye**

**Lise King: Aye**

**Louise Venden: Aye**

**B. Provincetown Business Guild’s Representative on the Visitor Services Board – Bob Sanborn**

Bob Sanborn spoke to the Select Board about his background and experience and how he felt presence on the Board would benefit the VSB.

**Move that the Select Board vote to appoint Robert Sanborn as the Provincetown Business Guild’s representative on the Visitor Services Board with a term to expire on June 30, 2023.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Lise King**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**

**Robert Anthony: Aye**

**Lise King: Aye**

**Louise Venden: Aye**

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

**A. Temporary Use of Town Property – Saki request to expand outdoor seating onto town hall lawn.**

Assistant Town Manager David Gardner presented the request from applicant Steven Schnitzev. Mr. Schnitzev is requesting the use of the Town Lawn to place 5 tables to be used by Saki. The tables would be outdoor 6-person picnic tables. They can be removed every evening. The Select Board discussed with Mr. Schnitzev how Mr. Schnitzev would address some of the staff concerns.

**Move that the Select Board vote to approve the temporary outdoor dining on Town Land application by Steven Schnitzev on behalf of Saki LLC., subject to the attach Temporary License For Use of Property For Outdoor Dining drafted to form by Town Counsel and according to the attached plan with the provision that fencing shall be of the rope and bollard type and the lighting be similar to lighting used at Saki’s in the outdoor tables and that there would be a condition that the lawn would be restored at the end of the season.**

**Motion: Louise Venden**

**Second: Lise King**

**Roll Call**

**Chair David Abramson: no**

**Vice Chair John Golden: yes**

**Member Robert Anthony: yes**

**Member Lise King: yes**

**Member Louise Venden: yes**

**B. Discuss new revenue trends in short term room tax and marijuana and discuss process for reallocation moving forward.**

Finance Director Josee Young discussed with the Select Board the new revenue trends.

**C. Discuss Temporary Housing for workforce Housing – Requested by Louise Venden**

Select Board Member Louise Venden put the idea out there because of the urgency of need for this summer and asked Town Manager Alex Morse with the Select Board what he had been able to explore. Town Manager Morse has been brainstorming ideas on how to handle housing issues that have been arising over the last decade. He has looked into temporary trailers for this summer, spoke to the Cape Cod RTA about an increase in busses running between here and Truro, as well as speaking with the PBG and Chamber. He also spoke about supporting the barrack project being proposed by the Patrick family. Housing continues to be an issue and looks forward to engaging the Board on housing projects.

**D. Discuss proposal on name change from Wampanoag group – Requested Lise King**

Select Board member Lise King felt it was important for the Board to discuss the request received from the Wampanoag Advisory Committee to support the name change of Race Point to Meeshaun Point.

**Move that Select Board direct the TM to reissue the solicitation of price quotations for consulting services to advise the town on indigenous projects and execute the contract and refer this request to that consultant.**

**Motion: David Abramson**

**Second: Lise King**

Member Lise King gave an update on the indigenous consultant and suggested going out to solicited quotes. Town Manager Alex Morse also suggested going out to bid again. The Board supports moving forward with looking for another consultant.

**Roll Call**

**Chair David Abramson**

**Vice Chair John Golden**

**Member Robert Anthony**

**Member Lise King**

**Member Louise Venden**

**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**

Town Manager Alex Morse summarized the Town Manger’s report for the Select Board. He also spoke about the success of the Town Hall live forum.

**6. Minutes – (Votes May Be Taken)**

**1. April 08, 2021 5 PM Special Meeting**

**2. April 12, 2021 6 PM Regular Meeting**

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

**April 08, 2021            5 pm    (Special) [ ] as printed [ x ] with changes so noted**

**April 12, 2021           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)**

- **Robert Anthony** – The Chair mentioned the Town Moderator will not be at town meeting, Pam and I would like to wish her the best.
  - **Louise Venden** – Echo Bobby’s sentiments. Thank Alex and Dave for preparing for this meeting.
  - **John Golden** – Echo Bobby’s call out to Mary Jo, wish you a good recovery. Summer is coming and we just have to gear up for it.
- Lise King** – Echoing what everything what everyone is saying, she will be missed at Town Meeting. Wanted to thanking Alex for preparing for this meeting.
- **David Abramson** – Great to have that discussion around housing and revenue.

**8. Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A, Section 21(a), Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, & 8 for the purposes of: (Votes May be taken) Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 – To consider the approval and/or release of Executive Session Minutes and not to convene in open session after.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Chair David Abramson: Aye**

**Vice Chair John Golden: Aye**

**Robert Anthony: Aye**

**Lise King: Aye**

**Louise Venden: Aye**

**The Board entered executive session at 10:13 pm**

**Minutes transcribed by Elizabeth Paine**