

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
JULY 26, 2021, 6:00 PM
TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM**

Select Board In person: Chair David Abramson, Vice Chair John Golden, Members Robert Anthony, Leslie Sandberg,

Remote: Robert Anthony

Excused: Louise Venden

Other attendees: Town Manager Alex Morse and Secretary to the Select Board Elizabeth Paine

Recorder: Elizabeth Paine

Chair Abramson convened the open meeting at 6:01 pm

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

- A. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 54, § 12 appoint Election Workers for a term of one (1) year, commencing August 16, 2021 and expiring on August 15, 2022.*
- B. Approve the Release Deed for the sale of 311 Bradford Street to Cynthia Packard*
- C. Declare the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation Crane Barge as surplus, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B and Provincetown General By-law §6-4-6, and to authorize the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation and Town Manager to dispose of same in the manner deemed most advantageous to the Town.*
- D. Appoint alternate member William Mullin as a regular member to the Open Space Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2024*
- E. Appoint regular member Ansley Pierce as an alternate member to the Open Space Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2023.*
- F. Appoint Kevin Moss as a regular member to the Community Housing Council with a term to expire on June 30, 2024.*

Without objection Chair Abramson declared the consent agenda approved.

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Leslie Sandberg: Aye

1. COVID Update – Town Manager Alex Morse

Town Manager Alex Morse gave a brief clarification on the motion from last night's emergency meeting and also informed the Board steps staff has taken for notifying licensees, and sign placements. The Board asked about the whether or not there seems to be an indication for limiting capacities.

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

- **Kevin Moraha** – I was one of the original breakthrough cases on June 3rd. I think a lot of people didn't realize is that because I was vaccinated I wouldn't have needed to be tested, but my doctor did recommend. When I was tested only 7 people were tested. My concern is that if we go back to only have 7 people tested, that we would mandate masks again. I hope that there needs to be some consideration of a low level of testing.

- **Kurl Buch** – calling to discuss an issue with Sal’s inability to set up in the inter tidal lands. Town is not doing enough in pushing the land use in front of Sal’s to make sure that land is held in public trust.
- **Wendy Loughlin** – Resident in the West End, also concerned about the Judge’s mandate to allow the low water mark. The residents of this town need to be able to access this beach without homeowner blocking that use.
- **Pat Miller** – thanked for continued effort on COVID. Also thanked for the item on the agenda on Broadband. We a lot of first responders and are they apart of
- **Shi-ra Kavon** – Thanked for hard work on the COVID response. I am hearing that there are a lot of counter fitting vaccine’s cards. Can businesses ask for verification with an ID. Also can we have the testing site stay until Labor Day. Can we get testing kits to the workers in their workplace?
- **Chris Mathieson** – 1 Winthrop Street – thanked everyone for their service. Have been to the testing site 2x. Could the Town provide clarification on the beach in front of Sal’s. Hopes the Board will start focusing more resources to Climate Change.
- **Susan Avellar** – Two issues that I want to address. Believes that a very vulnerable group was left out when discussing; it is the children who are under 12 who cannot be vaccinated. My other issue is the Beach area the East of Sal’s. I am under the impression that the Judge may have given permission to a private homeowner rights to the tidal lands.
- **Karen Kamer** – Pleasant Street – would like to thank everyone for putting through the mask mandate indoors. Also want to thank Leslie and Bobby for trying to enforce the commercial street mandate. One thing that no one has address is the long hauler symptoms.
- **Michela Murphy** – say thank you for dealing with COVID. I want to speak on the issue on the beach for Sal’s Place. I am concerned that we are not able to use the beach. Town Council has not been defending the public ownership of the beach. Please instruct Town Council to act in the best interest of the Town for the beach use.
- **Kiki** – I have concerns about the Judge’s mandate. This is public use land.
- **Caller** – There has been no public comment about the financial losses to the local businesses.

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

- **Robert Anthony** – I hope we can get a report from Town Counsel and Alex as to what is happening.
- **Leslie Sandberg** – no public comments at this time.
- **John Golden** – looking into Town Counsel should look into our standing for beach access. I have an issue with property owner trying to restrict beach access.
- **David Abramson** – Testing at the VMCC is scheduled to continue to August 13th, they also offer vaccinated. Alex and myself and the Board of Health did discuss that if anyone is having a financial in pact with work, they should let us know through the Select Board’s office or the Town Managers office.

4. Appointments – (Votes may be taken on the following interviews)

A. Harbor Committee: Barbara Dyett (New)

Ms. Dyett spoke to the Board about her interests for applying for the harbor committee. I want to help see the Harbor Plan implemented.

B. Licensing Board: Cassandra Benson

Ms. Benson spoke to the Board about her interest for applying for the Licensing Board. She has previously served on the Board. Feels as a local business owner it will bring balance to this Board. The Select Board thanked Ms. Benson for applying.

Move that the Select Board appoint Cassandra Benson as an alternate member of the Licensing Board with a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Motion: Leslie Sandberg

Secondary: Robert Anthony

Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Leslie Sandberg: Aye

C. Visitor Services Board: Harrison Fish and Michael Gaucher

Mr. Fish had to reschedule interview due to a work conflict.

Mr. Gaucher discussed with the Board his interest in applying for the Visitor Services Board. I think an area of growth would be how to issue the current challenges such as COVID. The Board thanked Mr. Gaucher for applying.

Move that the Select Board appoint Michael Gaucher as an at large member of the Visitor Services Board with a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Motion: Leslie Sandberg

Secondary: Robert Anthony

Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Leslie Sandberg: Aye

5. 7 PM Public Hearings – (Votes may be taken on the following items):

A. Consider New Fee Schedule for Public Use of Town Properties

Assistant Town Manager David Gardner presented the new fee schedule for public use of Town Properties.

MOVE that the Select Board vote to approve the new fee schedule for Town Properties and Regulation for the Public Use of Town Properties as presented.

Motion: John Golden

Second: Leslie Sandberg

Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye
Leslie Sandberg: Aye

B. Eversource Pole Hearing Request for Service to 74 Franklin Street

Eversource Right of Way Agent Marissa Jackson presented the application the installation at 74 Frankland Street

MOVE that the Select Board vote to approve the application by Marissa Jackson on behalf of Eversource Energy requesting permission to install 23' +/- of 1-3' conduit handhole 9/H15 to handhole 9/H15A to provide new underground electric service to 74 Franklin Street.

Motion: John Golden
Second: Leslie Sandberg

Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Aye
Vice Chair John Golden: Aye
Robert Anthony: Aye
Leslie Sandberg: Aye

C. Curb Cut Request for 286.5 Bradford Street

Jay Abbisuo presented the application for the installation of a 18-foot wide drive way at 286.5 Bradford St.

Move that the Select Board vote to approve to install an 18-foot wide driveway on the front of the property located at 286.5 Bradford Street, Provincetown, MA according to the plan submitted. (Assessor's Map 15-3, Parcel 99-A) with no plating in the public way and only materials used are those going into the apron.

Motion: David Abramson
Second: Leslie Sandberg

Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Aye
Vice Chair John Golden: Aye
Robert Anthony: Aye
Leslie Sandberg: Aye

6. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Alex Morse gave a brief presentation of the Town Manger's report.

7. Requests – (Votes may be taken on the following items):

A. Presentation on Broadband Access in Provincetown- Steve Johnston of OpenCape

Steven Johnson with OpenCape presented How OpenCape & Connectivity will Impact Provincetown from Economic to Demographic: How Disruption will Free your Community. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Morse discussed with the Board costs to expand infrastructure and current options for small businesses and homeowners.

Move that the Select Board vote to direct Town Manager Alex Morse work with the Select Board to continue to discussion with OpenCape and report back findings and recommendations that are made in Town Wide Goals.

Motion: Leslie Sandberg

Second: Robert Anthony

Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Leslie Sandberg: Aye

B. Continued discussion of Town Goals/Select Board Goals and Town Manager Goals – Town Manager Alex Morse

Town Manger Alex Morse walked the Select Board through changes made based on previous meeting conversations.

Move that the Select Board adopt the Town Wide Goals as presented with edits by the Town Manager.

Motion: David Abramson

Second: John Golden

Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Leslie Sandberg: Aye

8. Minutes – (Votes May Be Taken)

1. June 28, 2021 5 pm Special Meeting

2. June 28, 2021 6 pm Regular Meeting

3. July 12, 2021 6 pm Regular Meeting

4. July 19, 2021 10 am Emergency Meeting

Move that the Select Board approve the minutes of:

June 26, 2021 6 pm (Regular) [] as printed [x] with changes so noted

June 28, 2021 5 pm (Special) [x] as printed [] with changes so noted

July 19, 2021 10 am (Special) [x] as printed [] with changes so noted

Motion: David Abramson

Second: Leslie Sandberg

Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye
Leslie Sandberg: Aye

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

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- **Robert Anthony** – Thanked Alex for the update on Sal’s
- **Leslie Sandberg** – If you haven’t gotten your vaccination, please do, it is very important that you do that, this a very tough variant. Please do it of yourself and your community.
- **John Golden** – Second what Leslie stated. Last night I made a comment in jest, I hoped it would be taken as a joke. The seriousness of this pandemic is very serious to this board.
- **David Abramson** – The testing continues to August 13th. One of my biggest concerns is with less than 14% of the world vaccinated, these variants will not be going away. We need to look at covid as an .. not a pandemic. We need to keep people safe but also protecting their financial health. It is going to be hard with the indoor mask order and the news. I think we all recognize that, and I am not sure how we work on that. We need to work on making this more predictable and how to handle this moving forward.

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Leslie Sandberg

Second: John Golden

Roll Call

Chair David Abramson: Aye

Vice Chair John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Leslie Sandberg: Aye

Meeting ended at 8:59 pm

Minutes transcribed by Elizabeth Paine