

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 09, 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. MCDBG FY 21 Grant Application: participate in regional application with Towns of Truro & Eastham for housing rehabilitation program and childcare subsidies.*
- B. Issue The Wastewater Upgrade Bond pursuant to G.L. c.44, §8(19) in the amount of 1,651,000 with an average interest rate of 2.375% dated May 20, 2021*

Without objection Chair Abramson declared the consent agenda approved.

1. COVID Update – Town Manager Alex Morse

Town Manager Alex Morse gave a brief update on the current number of cases. The recommendation is to continue to mask indoors and the advisory will be in place until August 21st. There are currently over 50 businesses in Town that have one of the three cortication’s being offered through the town; Venue requires all staff to be vaccinated, venue requires proof of vaccination to enter, and all venue staff are vaccinated, and proof of vaccine is required to enter. The Board discussed with the Town Manager their concerns with preventing another cluster outbreak over carnival week.

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

- **Chris Mathieson** - appreciate all the efforts being taken to keep our community safe. The viral load is much high so the transition is likely to be high. Wanted to speak about climate control. Green houses gases on cape cod come from transportation, vast majority is from individual cars. If they take the ferry, it is a 60% reduction. Asking that the town focus resources to get more people to take the ferry.
- **Pat Miller** – President of the PPRTA – it is not clear that the sewer testing includes the many home not connected to the system. There are many homes that are currently not connected to the sewer system, and thinks the town need to discuss expanding the sewer to hook up all the homes in the home. Last I heard the waitlist is 10 years, ask you consider the homeowners who have been patiently waiting to hook up to this system.
- **Kiki Herold** – Called to complain about the excess noise coming from renters.

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

- **Robert Anthony** – Congratulated colleagues and Board of Health for what we have been going through

since June. Would also like to thank Alex, as he is the tip of the spear for getting things done and coordinating everything. We still have a way to go, maybe three or four weeks. Thanked the community for coming on board for helping us get through this situation.

- **Leslie Sandberg** – Second what Bobby said so well. Would like to add to that, to everyone who is listening, we are doing everything we can do to keep you safe, that includes everyone in town. Please know we do care.
- **John Golden** – I agree with two colleagues' comments. It is almost like Labor Day is a goal post, in June everything seemed possible, and it didn't turn out that way. Just want everyone to be careful and personal responsibility. We just have to get through this and make it to the next season.
- **Louise Venden** – I certainly want to congratulate everyone, especially those in businesses. There is a future beyond COVID. There are many things we have put off during this time period, we have resources and a great deal of activity around Housing. My concern lately has been; we believe in community engagement through litigation. There is nothing that this town, as a Town can do about it, other than to continue to support projects that have been approved by the Boards. COVID spreads in some of the housing situation that staff live in. Disappointed this town has become embroiled in lawsuits.
- **David Abramson** – Will ask for anyone who is listening or paying attention, as we move through these phases, to remember that someone might have a situation at home, that they need to wear a mask, whether it is in the workplace or in the street. We should support people who choose to continue to wear a mask. The testing will be here for a while, so get tested, know your status, and take precaution to protect yourself. Hopefully we can learn a lot this next week and we can protect our visitors and those who live here. Thank you, Alex, and thank you to our representatives who have done a lot to secure resources.

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

A. Visitor Services Board: Harrison Fish

Harrison Fish, year-round resident. Creator and host of the talk show Wake Up Provincetown. He discussed with the Board how he feels his background would benefit the VSB.

Move that the Select Board appoint Harrison Fish as an at large member of the Visitor Services Board with a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

Motion: Leslie Sandberg

Second: John Golden

VOTED

In Favor: 5

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Harbor Committee: Michelle Stefani

Michelle Stefani spoke to the Select Board about her background and why she thinks she will be a good fit for the Harbor Committee.

Move that the Select Board appoint Regina Binder as a regular member of the Harbor Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

Motion: John Golden

Second: Robert Anthony

VOTED

In Favor: 5

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Move that the Select Board appoint Michelle Stefani as a regular member of the Harbor Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

Motion: John Golden

Second: Robert Anthony

VOTED

In Favor: 5

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Move that the Select Board appoint Barbara Dyett as an alternate member of the Harbor Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

Motion: John Golden

Second: Louise Venden

VOTED

In Favor: 5

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

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

- A. Curb Cut – Application by Lester Murphy Jr, on behalf of Enco Realty Inc, requesting approval to install an 18-foot wide driveway on the side of the property located at 32 Bradford Street, Provincetown, MA in order to access the property for parking. (Assessor’s Map 6-4, Parcel 145/0).**

Attorney Lester Murphy presented the application on behalf of the applicant. The curb cut if on the side of the property, there is already a curb cut on the front of the property that has four parking spots that can fit 8 cars parked tandemly. The Board discusses with the applicant their concerns of adding another curb cut to the property that could potentially remove public parking off Pleasant Street.

MOVE that the Select Board vote to deny the application by Lester Murphy Jr, on behalf of Enco Realty Inc, requesting approval to install an 18-foot wide driveway on the side of the property located at 32 Bradford Street, Provincetown, MA in order to access the property for parking. (Assessor’s Map 6-4, Parcel 145/0)

Motion: John Golden

Second: Robert Anthony

VOTED

In Favor: 5

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

6. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Alex Morse gave a brief presentation of the Town Manger's report. Select Board Member Louise Venden asked for a litigation update. Select Board member Robert Anthony asked about the fire department assessment and the police building.

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

A. Year Round Market Rate Rental Housing Trust Update – Select Board Member Louise Venden

Select Board Member Louise Venden provided some materials that show the Select Board what the Trust has been discussing. There is currently a waitlist for both the 1 bedroom and 2-bedroom units. The Trust will be discussion doing Capital Improvements on the property at upcoming meetings. The Trust will be coming before the Select Board for a fuller presentation.

B. Code of Conduct –Town Manager Alex Morse

Town Manager Alex Morse talked to the Select Board about the Code of Conduct policy. The policy would apply to all board and committee members that are under the Select Board's appointing authority. This policy is to set a best practice behavior.

Move that the Select Board approve the Code of Conduct for the Boards/Commissions/Committee Members as presented tonight and ask the TM to distribute to other board and committee that the select board doesn't appoint and ask them to adopt.

Motion: Louise Venden

Second: Leslie Sandberg

Vote:

In Favor: 5

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

8. Minutes – (Votes May Be Taken)

1. July 12, 2020 6 pm Regular Meeting Minutes
2. July 25, 2021 5 pm Emergency Meeting Minutes
3. July 26, 2021 6 pm Regular Meeting Minutes

Move that the Select Board approve the minutes of:

July 12, 2021 6 pm (Regular) [x] as printed [] with changes so noted

July 25, 2021 5 pm (Regular) [x] as printed [] with changes so noted

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

Motion: David Abramson

Second: Leslie Sandberg

Vote:

In Favor: 5

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

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

- **Robert Anthony** – All set
- **Leslie Sandberg** – Wish everyone to have a good safe carnival. Wish all my board members the same.
- **John Golden** – I'm good thank you.
- **Louise Venden** – Wishing my son a happy birthday, it has been a good meeting.
- **David Abramson** –All set.

10. Executive Session (Votes May Occur)

Clause 3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;

1. **The Barracks**
2. **Sal's Place**

MOVE that the Select Board vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A Section 21 (a) Clause 3 for the purpose of:

Clause 3 – To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;

1. **The Barracks**
2. **Sal's Place**

And not convene in open session after.

Motion: David Abramson

Second: Leslie Sandberg

Roll Call

David Abramson: Aye

John Golden: Aye

Robert Anthony: Aye

Leslie Sandberg: Aye

Louise Venden: Aye

The Select Board entered executive session at 8:20

Meeting ended at 9:45 pm

Minutes transcribed by Elizabeth Paine