

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Acting Chairman Mary-Jo Avellar opened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following attendees:

Board of Selectmen Mary-Jo Avellar, Michele Couture, Sarah Peake, Richard Olson

Excused Absence: Cheryl Andrews

Other attendees: Acting Assistant Town Manager Michelle Jarusiewicz

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

1. **NSTAR**

Plans for Preventing Power Outage

Attending from NSTAR: Customer Service Manager Jeff Luce, Operations Manager Doug Foley and Chief Engineer John Murdock.

NSTAR gave presentation of their Emergency Response Plan and what happened during the December 26, 2005 storm and the Blizzard of 2005; their system improvement activities and recent improvements including a new SCADA system and capacity upgrades. Trucks that service Provincetown are dispatched out of Orleans.

After general discussion, the Board of Selectmen related that they are not satisfied with the current service NSTAR is providing to Provincetown. They need to develop better strategies to reduce the numerous outages and to provide assistance in a more timely fashion. When services are down in Truro it should not affect Provincetown. In addition to several other concerns expressed by the Board, Michele Couture mentioned the problem regarding service to private developers (i.e., 40A Nelson Ave., and the application of the new Laundromat being extremely slow). NSTAR said they would investigate the Laundromat immediately and report back. NSTAR related that underground utilities are very expensive, approximately \$1 million/mile and some communities do certain sections each year and some opt for surcharges on rates. Also, developers have the option of putting utilities underground as they build.

Mary-Jo Avellar - I think you are leaving here understanding that we are very frustrated, extremely upset and as we go into our new century it only gets worse instead of better. That's the thing that is incredibly annoying. And could you leave a list of generating companies with the office. We would appreciate it very much and we thank you for coming.

2. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Rick Murray - Re: Sprinkler Systems - asked about this awhile back - when are business owners going to find out what the requirements are? We need to have sufficient response time in order to start up our business this spring. When can we expect to hear from the Town on this matter?

3. **SELECTMEN'S STATEMENTS**

Sarah Peake

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to consult with the Town Manager regarding appointing a representative to the Cape Light Compact.

Motion by: Sarah Peake ..

Seconded by: Michele Couture

Yea 4 Nay 0

Clarification - In response to Barnett Adler's email re: Community Preservation Fund and how it should be spent. In his email one of his arguments states "two of the five Selectmen have relatives living at the Manor and want to see the new Manor move forward regardless of the impact." This is a grossly unfair statement to

make. It is factually inaccurate. There is only one member of this Board of Selectmen that has a relative living at the Manor and that is Dr. Cheryl Andrews and she has consistently, since the discussions have been going on about the Manor, recused herself and not participated in those discussions in any way. So, for him to imply in his email, that there is some self-serving interest on the part of two members of this Board of Selectmen, I find upsetting and offensive. I hope that he would correct this statement in a future email and send it to the same people because it is just wrong.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to ask the Town Manager to respond to the Board by March 28, 2005, with information regarding the installation and implementation of sprinkler systems and what the schedule for that might be.*

Motion by: Sarah Peake .. **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 4 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter to the Assembly of Delegates to request a placeholder item in the Country budget sufficient to cover the cost of the rabies baiting programs for Cape Cod.*

Motion by: Sarah Peake .. **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 4 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to invite Bill Dougherty & Tom Bernardo from the Regional Wastewater Blue Ribbon Committee to make a presentation at our April 25, 2005 meeting.*

Motion by: Sarah Peake .. **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 4 Nay 0

Michele Couture

Outer Cape Health Symposium - date set for - Wednesday - April 28, 2005 @ 6 PM - Town Hall Auditorium. Town Manager to discuss details with Henry Tuttle.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to have an agenda item with Town Counsel at our March 29, 2005 meeting.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake Yea 4 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter of congratulations to Matt Covino and Paul Joudrey for passing the Police Academy.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake Yea 4 Nay 0

RICHARD OLSON

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send kudos to Michael Nunes and all others involved with Year Rounder's Day for an excellent job well done.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 4 Nay 0

MARY-JO AVELLAR

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send letters to Representatives Delahunt, Kerry and Kennedy thanking them for their proactive stance on HR3 793 (Temporary Work Visas).*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 0

4. BOARD OF SELECTMEN - APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Winthrop Smith as a regular member of the Planning Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2006.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake Yea 4 Nay 0

John A. Henry Trust Fund

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Trust Funds, to approve the transfer of \$2,145.00 from the John A. Henry Trust Fund for the payment of the attached invoice.*

Motion by: Sarah Peake . **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 4 Nay 0

5A2 TREASURER'S TRANSFER

John A. Henry Trust Fund

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Scholarship Funds, to approve the transfer of \$37,850.00 from the John Anderson Francis Scholarship Fund for the payment of awarded scholarships and a vendor invoice.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake Yea 4 Nay 0

5A3 TREASURER'S TRANSFER

John A. Henry Trust Fund

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Scholarship Funds, to approve the transfer of \$750.00 from the Joseph F. Oliver Scholarship Fund for the payment of awarded scholarships.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 0

5B WAIVER OF AUDITORIUM FEES

St. Peter the Apostle Church Building Fundraiser

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to waive the fee for the use of the Town Hall Auditorium on Sunday, April 10, 2005 by the following organizations: the Chamber of Commerce, the Provincetown Business Guild, the Kitchen Angels, the Knights of Columbus and St. Peter the Apostle Church, for the purpose of holding a fundraiser for the Rebuilding of St. Peter the Apostle Church; excluding custodian and police detail fees.*

Motion by: Richard Olson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture
Yea 3 Nay 1 (Sarah Peake)

5C WATER & SEWER BOARD

Update: Interim Laundromat Sewer Connection Permit: P-TOWN SUDS

Open discussion. Should reconsider issuing RFP? Reopen process - April 1st is deadline.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reschedule this agenda item to the April 11, 2005 meeting.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake Yea 4 Nay 0

5D DPW: WATER - NEW SOURCE PERMIT

Contract - Environmental Partners Group, Inc. - \$160,000

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize execution of an engineering contract in the amount of \$160,000 with Environmental Partners Group, Inc. of Hingham, Massachusetts to initiate the filing by the Town of Provincetown of the permitting process to the DEP Bureau of Resource Protection Drinking Water Program for Water Supply Permits for a new water source at North Union Field pursuant*

BRP WS 17; and further, to install staff gauges at the Little Pamet and Pamet to support the further examination related to C-5.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Sarah Peake Yea 4 Nay 0

6. **TOWN MANAGER/ACTING ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER**

None

7 **MINUTES**

None

8. **CLOSING STATEMENTS**

None

Motion to adjourn by Sarah Peake at 8:32 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary
March 15, 2005