

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 4, 2002

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Cheryl Andrews, Acting Chairman opened the meeting at 1:00 PM noting the following attendees. Board of Selectmen members: Cheryl Andrews, Mary-Jo Avellar, David Atkinson and Michele Couture.

Excused Absence: Betty Steele-Jeffers

Other attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman, Assistant Town Manager Mark Latour, State Senator Robert O'Leary and his District Aid Susan Rohrbach

Recorder: Vernon Porter - Secretary to Board of Selectmen

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

1. SENATOR O'LEARY: ONGOING ISSUES

Open discussion - no motions made.

Senator O'Leary- More cuts coming by July 1st of this year. Next year 20% cut in State programs across the board. Push to increase state taxes. Local aid cuts for next year – no question about it. Definitely state budget crisis.

Keith Bergman - If 10% decrease in local aid to Provincetown, that will be \$80,630.

Discussion on Community Preservation Act vs. Land Bank. Cheryl Andrews mentioned that the Preservation Act was not around as an option when we joined the Land Bank. At Town Meeting the voters were definitely talking about affordable housing.

Cheryl Andrews left the room due to conflict of interest.

Mary-Jo Avellar open the discussion relative to the Cape End Manor. Requested Senator O'Leary's help in acquiring the land that the town needs to relocate the Cape End Manor.

Senator O'Leary - You need to push this. Been involved in half-dozen meetings around this issue in the past six months or so. Town meeting is the key event. You will be on record at that time and thereafter you need to go forward with an aggressive effort to persuade the state to respond.

Cheryl Andrews returned.

Michele Couture – Mass Health/Medicaid/Dental Cuts/Prescriptions - the cuts are affecting thousands of people and serious health risks – what is going to happen to them. The dental program in particular.

Senator O'Leary: I can understand, I wrote a letter to the Governor expressing my sentiments with respects to that cut. Health care expenses have accelerated in a major way. It is affecting our clinics as well. It's a big problem and it's going to get worse.

Open discussion continued on this subject.

Mary-Jo Avellar left the room due to conflict of interest.

2. PILGRIM MONUMENT APPLICATION BEFORE ZBA

Open discussion.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter to the Fire Chief, the Police Chief and the Building Commissioner asking them to express to the Zoning Board of Appeals the Board of Selectmen's concerns that the position of the tollbooth is such that it does not impede through traffic.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: David Atkinson Yea 3 Nay 0

Mary-Jo Avellar returned.

3A APRIL 1, 2002 ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

Determine order in which articles appear on the warrants.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the ordering of the articles in the warrants for the April 1, 2002 Annual and Special Town Meeting, as recommended by the Town Manager.*

Motion by: David Atkinson **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 4 Nay 0

3B APRIL 1, 2002 ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

Refer Proposed Zoning Amendments to Planning Board [MGL C.40A,§5]

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to MGL C. 40A,§5, to refer to the Planning Board the following two petitioned zoning articles received by the March 1, 2002 closing of the April 1, 2002 Annual Town Meeting warrant:*

*(1) NN. Zoning - Article 2, Section 2450, Permitted Accessory Uses. [Requested by the Planning Board]; and
(2) OO. Outdoor Display [Requested by Rob Tosner and others]*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 4 Nay 0

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture at 2:19 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary
March 5, 2002