

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 27, 2012 6 PM

TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM

Chairman Elaine Anderson convened the meeting at 6:15 PM noting the following:

Board of Selectmen attending: Elaine Anderson, Austin Knight and David McChesney

Excused Absence: David Bedard (Sick) and John Santos (Vacation)

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

1A1 JOINT MEETING WITH OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Year End Report

Attendance: Chair Dennis Minsky, Stephen Milkewicz and Hank Janowsky

At their meeting on Monday, May 23, 2011 the Board of Selectmen unanimously voted in favor of requesting an annual joint meeting with each board and committee of the Town. The intention of this meeting is to become acquainted with any members the Selectmen may not have already had the opportunity to meet, and to discuss matters of mutual importance as well as common goals for the coming year.

Hank Janowsky went over their Year End Annual Report contained in the agenda packet.

The Committee would also like to discuss their plans for two land acquisition projects to be presented at the April Town Meeting.

- 1) Acquisition - Sateriale Property on Snail Road 2.34 Acres (appraised at \$1.4 Million);
- 2) Acquisition of a Conservation Restriction 17.5 Acre of Dune's Edge Campground at a cost of \$1 Million before any grants. Appraised for \$ 2.135 Million.

Schedule a joint meeting with FinCom and Open Space for March 8, 2012 at 1 PM to discuss the the Dune's Edge acquisition and the Sateriale Property acquisition.

1A2 PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT

Sateriale Property – Snail Road Properties.

Chairman Dennis Minsky – This property contains 2.34 acres and is valued at \$1.4 Million with a purchase price that is well below 50% of that. We've been negotiating with the seller since late summer. The appraisal was performed by Appraisal Company of Cape Cod. We're in hopes of securing a Land Grant for this property which will be 52% of the purchase price.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this agenda item until Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 4 PM.*

Motion by: Austin Knight Seconded By: David McChesney Yea 3 Nay 0

1B RESCIND PROVINCETOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Anderson advised that M.G.L. c.41, §11 specifies a quorum of both the Board of Selectmen and the Provincetown Housing Authority members. Since there were only three (3) members of the Board of Selectmen present to vote there is a need to rescind these votes.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to rescind their votes of February 13, 2012 appointing Joe Carlo and Michele Couture as interim Regular Members on the Provincetown Housing Authority.*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 3 Nay 0

2. PUBLIC STATEMENTS - None

3. SELECTMEN STATEMENTS

Austin Knight – None **David McChesney** - None

Elaine Anderson – Read statement into record regarding the Provincetown Housing Authority. (Attachment #1).

Austin Knight did not want to wait for the elections in May but proposed we try again to get the votes for the two appointments of interim regular members as soon as possible.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen do not appoint any interim members to the PHA, instead have the towns people vote fill the vacancies at the Annual Election in May.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** David McChesney
Yea 2 Nay 1 (Austin Knight)

4A BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Ryan Landry as the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum Representative on the Historic District Commission with an expiration date of June 30, 2014.*

Motion by: David McChesney **Seconded By:** Austin Knight Yea 3 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Laurie M. Delmolino as an interim Regular Member on the Provincetown Board of Health with an expiration date of December 31, 2012.*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 3 Nay 0

5A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP)

Wind Retrofit Elementary and High School – Grant Number HMGP 1701-03

Health and Environmental Affairs Manager Brian Carlson - This grant has a 25% match requirement which has been included in the FY13 capital improvements budget. The cost estimate for this project is \$406,417.00 which includes a generator for the high school building and all electrical services. The Town’s 25% match equals \$101,604. The 75% from the grant equals \$304,813. The total award is \$555,561.00 which includes administrative project implementation funds in the amount of \$15,407.00.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept a grant from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the amount of \$555,651.00 for wind retrofit to the Elementary and High School buildings to protect the structures from high wind events and to authorize the Town Manager to enter into contracts as needed for the administration of this grant.*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 3 Nay 0

5B PARADE PERMIT REQUEST

Helping Our Women – 11th Annual By the Sea Bike Trek

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Parade Application Permit submitted by Donna Szeker, Helping Our Women, PO Box 1376, 336 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657 to hold a bike ride to be held on Saturday, June 2 , 2012 starting at 7:00 AM. to 3:00 PM.*

Motion by: David McChesney **Seconded By:** Austin Knight Yea 3 Nay 0

5C1 TREASURER’S TRANSFERS – Town Scholarship Fund

Attached to agenda item are the minutes and payment authorization from the John Anderson Francis Scholarship Committee/Town Scholarship Committee in support of this request totaling \$2,000.00 leaving a remaining balance in the Town Scholarship Fund of \$8,185.31.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Scholarship Funds, to approve the payment of \$2,000.00 from the Town Scholarship Fund for payment of the Town Scholarship to a member of the Class of 2011.*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 3 Nay

5C2 TREASURER’S TRANSFERS – John Anderson Francis Scholarship Fund

Attached to agenda item are the minutes and payment authorization from the John Anderson Francis Scholarship Committee in support of this request totaling \$12,000.00 leaving a remaining balance in the John Anderson Francis Scholarship Fund of \$1,180,698.24.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Scholarship Funds, to approve the transfer of \$12,000.00 from the John Anderson Francis Scholarship Fund for the payment of scholarship(s).*

Motion by: David McChesney **Seconded By:** Austin Knight Yea 3 Nay

5C3 TREASURER’S TRANSFERS – John A. Henry Trust Fund

The previous request for \$1,152.25 on February 13, 2112 was incorrect. A check was not cut and the transfer not made. This is the correct amount owed to Cape Cod Children’s Place from the John A. Henry Trust Fund.

This payment is supported by a contract between the Town and the Cape Cod Children’s Place. The contract authorizes \$14,457.84 to be expended from the John A. Henry Trust Fund in FY12 to assist less fortunate children leaving a remainder for FY12 of \$11,229.95. The Estate of John A. Henry has a balance after this award of \$536,066.73.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Trust Funds, to approve the transfer of \$3,227.89 from the John A. Henry Trust Fund for the payment of the attached invoice(s).*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 3 Nay

5D CUDWORTH STREET HISTORICAL MARKER

Orthodox Road

Donald Whitcomb – This proposal is to locate a historical marker on Cudworth Street which recognizes and identifies the historical name Orthodox Road (RE: Book of Road Second Edition Page 37). The marker will be placed on the Cudworth Street sign and will not affect the legal address of properties along Cudworth Street.

Austin Knight – Wants Historic Commission to weigh in on this. Also where are the funds coming from to pay for the sign?

Board of Selectmen would like to have a joint meeting with the Historic Commission to discuss this and other signage that they may want to install within the town. Vernon will schedule.

6A TOWN MANAGER FOLLOW-UP

Water main on Commercial Street is making good progress. Only had a few inquiries last week as to what was being done, etc.

Wastewater work on the East End. Thistlemore Road will be shut down during working hours for 5 to 7 days. Fire Road will be made available for residence. We have the support of the Conservation Commission on this. Notification will be sent out to residents.

6B1 OTHER – EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

State Emergency Telecommunications Board Training Grant Application

This grant does not require matching funds.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, to authorize the Chief of Police to submit a Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board Training Grant Application to the Executive Office of Public Safety; in the amount of \$9,628.04, for dispatch training included reimbursement of overtime incurred to replace those employees who attend SETB approved courses.*

Motion by: David McChesney **Seconded By:** Austin Knight Yea 3 Nay

7. MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS

Move that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes as printed.

January 18, 2012 (Tour School 9 AM); February 9, 2012 (Special Mtg. Parking 5 PM);

February 13, 2012 (Special Mtg. 4 PM); February 13, 2012 (Joint Mtg. Insurance 5:30 PM) and

February 13, 2012 (Regular Meeting 6 PM).

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded By:** David McChesney Yea 3 Nay

8. CLOSING STATEMENTS

David McChesney – None **Elaine Anderson** – None **Austin Knight** - None

Motion to adjourn by Austin Knight at 8:15 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen
February 29, 2012

BoS Mtg 2-27-12
Attachment #1

Selectmen Statements – Feb 27, 2012 - Elaine Anderson, Chairperson, BoS

I am both frustrated and disappointed in the reluctance of the Provincetown Housing Authority to find time to meet with the Board of Selectmen since the resignation in January 2012 of two Housing Authority Commissioners. The BOS responded to the alarming resignations of two duly elected commissioners by asking to meet with the remaining three commissioners on numerous dates in February, as early as the 7th and as late as the 27th. Each suggested date was rejected. Not one of the commissioners could find time to meet with us to discuss the situation. Based on the resignations and a sense of urgency, the BOS believed that appointments would at the very least make it possible for the Housing Authority to meet, have a quorum, and do the business they are charged to do. However, I was told by the chairperson, that 'it isn't a matter of a quorum'. Then I need to ask, what is the problem with meeting with us?

The Provincetown Housing Authority is a state agency charged to serve the Town of Provincetown's low income housing needs. The commissioners are elected at the ballot box with one commissioner appointed by the state. Over the past few years there have been major delays which translated into over 4-6 months in filling rental vacancies, both at Maushope and Pearl Street. The state requires a 21-40 day turn around. In a town like Provincetown, with its high demand for low income housing, it is unacceptable for such rental delays as we have experienced. The residents of Maushope suffered for weeks during a hot summer with a non-functioning elevator. That was unacceptable. What is wrong? Is it a question of poor financial management making it impossible to make repairs or prepare a vacancy for occupancy in a timely manner? Is it minimal oversight of projects? Is it a need for more employee hours and supervision? There seems to be a lack of urgency on the part of the remaining three commissioners to fulfill their state mandate in Provincetown; serving the housing needs of the most needy.

The lack of response since January 2012 on the part of the Housing Authority to take action, post a Housing Authority meeting (the last posted set of minutes is from November 2011) or come to a meeting with the BOS at any time during February, is clear evidence that this Housing Authority has lost its direction and