

**PROVINCETOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Judge Welsh Meeting Room - 1:00 p.m.**

**September 18, 2013 - Part I**

**Members Present: Mike Canizales, Catherine Russo, Raphael Richter, Clarence Walker, Duane Steele, Doug Cliggott, and Alternate Sean Patrick Harrington**

**Others Present: Sharon Lynn, Town Manager, and Dan Hoort, Finance Director, Attorney John Giorgio (on teleconferencing)**

**John Giorgio discussed question raised by Mike Canizales regarding resurrection of Article 30. Motion at town meeting was to indefinitely postpone, but article was approved at ballot. Mike asked if it can be revised from ballot. Would have to have several things: scope has to be described in the same way, and there cannot be a substantial change in the price. Mr. Giorgio gave wording for the warrant article, and the motion. He also stated that three (3) million was appropriated to renovate the existing police station within the existing square footage, and includes design costs, incidentals, and \$500,000 for temporary housing for the police force. Town meeting discussed the motion, but did not include temporary housing. Mr. Giorgio indicated the need to use the same language as the ballot, and the need to clarify the lot question. There was much discussion regarding Article 30. Mr. Giorgio also discussed the idea of a feasibility study and examining the financial liability of sharing jail cells, animal control, and 911 service with the towns of Truro, Wellfleet, and/or Eastham as well as the potential to move the parking department to the tax collection office.**

**Mike Canizales asked that STM require that the town not negotiate any perspective that will exceed 4 million dollars plus contingency on police department renovation. This will be a non-binding resolution. At this point Attorney Giorgio left the telephone conference.**

**The marine patrol program had been discussed in a public hearing by the Finance Committee. The citizens who attended the hearing agreed that having normal police presence and harbor master's staff was preferable to them on the pier. The town can defund or remove the newest police employee salary, and some of the summer officer's salaries previously earmarked for the pier. This will save the town approximately \$60,000. The savings could be transferred to another line item. There was a discussion regarding the Finance Committee's involvement in the police department as connected to the five year plan. The Board of Selectmen have ignored repeated requests from the building committee and the Finance Committee to discuss police department renovation. The valid article connected passed overwhelmingly and has been ignored over the past year. Rafael Richter made a**

**motion that the marine patrol be defunded, and that we transfer the funds to the OPEB fund. Mike Canizales asked to reduce the police budget by continuing to defund the marine patrol in 2015 also. A full complement of harbor master services will be restored. Motion made by Rafael Richter, and the vote was 5-2 with Clarence Walker and Sean Patrick Harrington casting nay votes.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Maghi Geary**