

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES – JOINT MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018 5:00 PM  
TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM**

Acting Chair Andrews convened the open meeting at 5:00 pm noting the following:

Select Board attending: Acting Chair Andrews, Board Members Louise Venden, Robert Anthony, and Lise King

Excused:

Other attendees: Town Manager David Panagore, Town Clerk Darlene Van Alstyne

Recorder: Linda Fiorella

**1. Board Reorganization – Votes May Occur**

**Motion: Move that the Select Board vote to elect Cheryl Andrews as Chair of the Select Board commencing immediately for the remainder of the current term.**

**Motion: Select Member Venden                      Second: Select Member King**

**VOTED**

**In Favor: 4**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstain:**

**Motion: Move that the Select Board vote to elect Robert Anthony as the Vice Chair of the Select Board commencing immediately for the remainder of the current term.**

**Motion: Select Member Venden      Second: Chair Andrews**

**VOTED**

**In Favor:      4**

**Opposed:      0**

**Abstain:**

Vice Chair Anthony stated his confidence that the Board would come together and disclosed that he has a visual impairment but would be able to conduct a meeting. He thanked the Board.

**2. Call for a Special Election – Votes May Occur**

Discussion covered state law on vacancies, the current status of a request before the legislature on the timing of the annual election, and the timing of a potential special election.

Further discussion covered whether the special election should take place at the earliest possible date (February 2, 2019), even if that falls during a school break and if it did, the Board, Town Manager Panagore and Town Clerk Van Alstyne discussed what actions could be taken to inform voters of the process of casting absentee ballots.

**Motion: Move that the Select Board vote to call for a special election to be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2019.**

**Motion: Select Member Venden**

**Second: Select Member Anthony**

Select Member King stated she feels it is an undue burden on families to hold an election during a school break.

**VOTED**

**In Favor: 3**

**Opposed:**

**Abstain: 1(lk)**

Discussion covered the timing of obtaining and filing nomination papers and ways to get the word out to the public about the relevant dates for that process and reiterated the importance of informing the public about the use of absentee ballots.

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Linda Fiorella