

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY – MARCH 28, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION - CLOSED
JUDGE WELSH ROOM - 260 COMMERCIAL STREET**

Chairman Donegan convened the open meeting at 5:30 p.m. noting the following attendees:
Board of Selectmen members: Thomas Donegan, Erik Yingling, Cheryl Andrews, Raphael Richter and Robert Anthony.

Other attendees: Town Manager David Panagore, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner, Director of Finance Dan Hoort.

Recorder: David Gardner

1. The Board motioned to enter into executive session at approximately 5:30 p.m. and voted as follows:

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A Section 21 (a) Clause 3 for the purpose of:

Clause 3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (chair declared). (Tax Title Updates). Votes may be taken.

and not to convene in open session thereafter.

**Motion: Erik Yingling
(Roll Call Vote)**

Seconded: Raphael Richter

Tom Donegan: Yes

Erik Yingling: Yes

Cheryl Andrews: Yes

Raphael Richter: Yes

Robert Anthony: Yes

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion passed

The Board went into Executive Session at approximately 5:32 p.m.

Finance Director Dan Hoort introduced the proposed Town's Tax Title Policy. The policy's intent is to ensure that all properties are paid in a timely basis. All properties are treated equally and residents are responsible for the payment of their taxes.

Discussion was held regarding a potential threshold of percent of value of property within tax title. Because the values in Provincetown are so high, we will rarely see percent of value high enough that the Town is at risk of not eventually receiving full payment. Currently the policy does not identify a percentage of value threshold, but rather identifies all properties in tax title for a period of three years.

The Town will not actively pursue foreclosure on a property with a homestead.

The policy needs to ensure that the Town does not pick winners and losers but rather sets the direction as to which properties should be pursued in an objective and consistent manner.

The Town is not in a financial position where it needs the funds immediately. We can afford

to be more lenient and consider the needs of individuals.
Properties in a tax title process will ultimately cover the Town's legal cost.
Selectmen should consider, comment on potential revisions, and then refer for adoption.
There was a request to define "homestead" in the State of Massachusetts.

2. Other: None

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. by: Cheryl Andrews **Seconded: Raphael Richter**
(Roll Call Vote)

Tom Donegan: Yes

Erik Yingling: Yes

Cheryl Andrews: Yes

Raphael Richter: Yes

Robert Anthony: Yes

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion passed.

Minutes transcribed by: David Gardner & Loretta Dougherty