

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

STATE OF THE TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

VETERANS MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Chairman Michele Couture convened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following Board of Selectmen attending: Michele Couture, Elaine Anderson, Mary-Jo Avellar, Austin Knight and David Bedard

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner, Municipal Finance Director Alix Heilala, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen Vernon Porter

Recorder: Elaine Anderson

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

Opening remarks by Chairman Michele Couture

Chair Finance Committee – Tom Coen – FinCom 2009 Report

Announcements – Questions and Answers following Address. Milton Islis in hospital.

Town Manager Sharon Lynn – State of the Town (Copies available – attached)

Questions & Answer period:

Clarence Walker

- Planned June 22 Special Town Meeting – Town Hall System
- Ad Hoc Committee Economic Development? Appointed by Town Manager.

Eric Wood

- Pros & Cons of Regional School

Barbara Rushmore

- VSB \$15,000 to \$115,000 (Recreation Dept)?
- Vote for 2 ½ ~ % needed ~ or = 2 – 3%
 - Cut out extravagancies, not services
 - School budget 15% of Town Budget

Rob Tosner

- Article Postponed

Bob Littlefield

- Pension / Health Insurance – Barnstable County - Cape Cod Program

Custodio Silva

- DPW – Beach raking? AmeriCorps
- Police Dept. – Summer – Know Streets

Marcene Marcoux

- Personnel Cuts? Hiring Freeze. Vacancies not filled.

Astrid Berg

- Position changes?
- LCPC to Ad Hoc appointed by Town Manager. No Minutes – Communication with Planning Board.

David Hale

- State Aid – estimates of Government Budget
- Revenue decreasing
- Assessments up
- Article 16 – Medicare (Fall '09 STM)
- Thank you to Town Staff

John Locke

- Our new Library is an 'eye sore' – Suggest it be painted! Use Volunteers?

Clarence Walker

- Zoning By-law issues. – Delay to fall? Hold public hearing

Elizabeth Brook

- PBG, Chamber – have discussion on Articles
- Beach and Harbor clean-up.

Pam Hudson

- Legal Ads – Zoning By-law posted and printed in Banner in full several times

Carrie Notaro

- Attends quite a few public meetings and hearings and information is available to everyone.
- Prop 2 ½ impacts employees of the Recreation Dept and all other Town employees

Char Priolo

- Thursday at Noon – at the COA discussion on Articles being presented at Town Meeting.

Vaughn Cabral

- Appreciate everyone from the Board of Selectmen, Chamber of Commerce and all Businesses that attended the DEP hearings concerning their Chapter 91 license (Parking on the Wharf.).

Irene Rabinowitz

- Announcement that anyone wanting to put out flyers at Town Meeting my first talk with her and the deadline is to have all material to the Town Clerk at Town Hall by 6 PM on Thursday, April 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen
April 2, 2009