

OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009

LARKIN HALL, 5 HOLWAY AVE

Chairman Michele Couture convened the meeting at 5:00 PM noting the following Board of Selectmen attending: Michele Couture, David Bedard, Mary-Jo Avellar, Austin Knight, David Bedard

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Assistant Town Manager David Gardner, Town Accountant Alix Heilala

Recorder: Vernon Porter

Finance Committee Members attending: Tom Coen, Chair; Ann Maguire, Vice Chair; Philip Gaudiano; Frederic Biddle; David McChesney; Dan Hoort; and Oliver Kamm joined the meeting at 5:00 pm.

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

1. INTRODUCTION – SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – Dr. Beth Singer

Dr. Singer introduced herself and gave a briefing of her bio and the goals between the town and the School Department, and expects there will be a very positive relationship.

Open discussion ensued. No motions made.

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FY 2011 Budget Process

Tom Cohen - Key is the 5 year fiscal policy plan.

Michele Couture - We've developed a good working relationship the past couple of years. We want to go to Town Meeting with everyone on the same page. We can't continue with business as usual. We've cleaned up a lot of bad practices. We look forward to this being the year that we go to Town Meeting with a clear picture of where we all are going, and have a handle on everything and good financial practices.

Austin Knight -Would like to have a joint work session with the Board of Selectmen and FinCom on Section 18 (First week of October) Have representatives from BCBS, State, and anyone else who needs to be there.

Michele Couture – There are a lot of good discussions that we need to have before we get to the budgets. One of the things we need to work on is the non-union employee positions that have not had an increase in years.

David Bedard - The FinCom report was very proactive.

Elaine Anderson - I agree that your report was well put together, and as David said very proactive. And I like your policy questions on page 8.

Tom Cohen - September is the timeline for working on the five year forecast to have the guidelines sometime in November.

Board looks forward to the five year fiscal plan and Capitol improvements plan.

Welcome to the new members.

Motion to adjourned by Mary-Jo Avellar at 5:57 PM.

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