

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPECIAL MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Cheryl Andrews opened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following attendees:

Board of Selectmen members: Cheryl Andrews, Sarah Peake, Michele Couture. David Nicolau entered the room at 6:30 p.m.

Excused Absence: Richard Olson (On Vacation)

Other attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman, Town Accountant Alix Heilala

Recorder: Vernon Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

1. FISCAL PLANNING & OPTIONS

FY 2006 and FY 2007.

FY 2006

Important to identify from broad brush to a fine tooth comb. Impact is significant.

If override fails call for a special town meeting. for Clarity ... we assume so much that we think that people know.

Closing the Manor is not on the table - it is not an option. The Manor operates under a States license and there are rules and regulations that have to be adhered to.

For our next meeting we need to be specific where the cuts are going to happen and what impact it is going to have on the department, the services to the town and the economy

Override allows for planning. It is important for us to start developing and know what service and positions are to be cut and the impact this will have on the community.

Deficit spending in '06 will be added to '07.

FY '07 -

The project is, if we get the override, floats the boat for the next five years. Will not need another override until FY 2011.

If override doesn't pass ..then what is the methodology for those cuts? New revenue in hand? State Aid ? Group Health Savings - Individual or through the Union contracts?

Cheryl - We need to give the Town Manager some direction to go with and I'm inclined to go with an override figure of \$700,000 figure. Sarah. Absolutely, I agree with you on the \$700K. This represents the carryover plus the levy limit. Michele – I also agree on this as well.

David – What can we say to the public in the way of education before they go to the ballot box. Keith– the only thing we can do is provide information. We can do nothing else at this table.

Sarah Peake – In answer to David's question. Just to be clear. As individuals you can talk to anybody you want to about what your position is on the override. You can join a committee if a committee is formed. You can take a lead role outside this building in forming a committee – that committee can raise funds, they file with the Office Campaign and Political Finance if they raise funds and they expend and file a report just like the way you do when you run for Selectman. There is no prohibition. The thing that we can't do is sit here at this microphone and advocate for voters to vote in a particular way. It would be like us wearing a campaign pin while we're on camera – that's what forbidden. What we can do, we can leave this building and we can take a

leadership role in advocating for its passage or advocating for its failure but we just can't do it here. Staff can be involved also. Policemen, Town Hall Employees, Teachers they can join the Committee and be involved in advocating – signs in the yard and all that kinds of stuff.

Feedback for Keith- Ask each department head to look at the numbers on page 4 (Operating Budget Summary) and how they would make/identify specific cuts ... What would the impact be in order to meet the \$700K budget cut targeted for FY 2007 if the May 2, 2006 override question did not pass.

Chairman Andrews will contact the Chairman of the School Committee tonight or tomorrow and open a dialogue and go over the numbers with her and what the proposal is.

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture at 7:38 pm

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter
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