

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING -MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2005

## 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, Richard Olson  
David Nicolau

Other attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman, Acting Assistant Town Manager Michelle Jarusiewicz

Recorder: Cheryl Andrews

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

### 1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

First Quarterly Update

EDC Members Present: Gabby Hanna, Thanassi Kuliopulos, Steve Melamed, Alix Ritchie, Bill Dougal.

This agenda item requested by the Economic Development Council so that they may give an update on their first quarter activities.

Alix Ritchie – take a look at what are the things we can do and to develop a matrix.

Bill Dougal – take stab at what is the gross domestic product; are those improvements going to lead to a more sustainable year round economy; is it going to improve year round employment. To include both intra and inter section.

Michele Couture – I think your report captures things very well and looks forward to upcoming meetings.

Richard Olson – Thought report was full of jargon!

Bill Dougal – I will give you a brief review of each of the five priority areas within this Quarterly Report.

On the CPC – our key question is how can we link Economic Development Planning to community housing planning. We have limited land, limited resources. We want to be sure that the direction we're moving in – in terms of developing a year-round economy with all of the sections is in sync with the CPC. Develop those linkages. I sit on the CPC and I can tell you that I am not confident that those linkages are there today. If we are going to have a stronger economy here we have to have affordable housing in this community for the people who are going to be employed in these economic sectors for the future

Secondly on Tourism – Everyone has their hands in Tourism right now – in a very positive way, yet everyone knows Tourism is fundamentally changing in this community. We're just beginning to get a handle on what those changes are. Nobody knows what to do yet about the future. We have the Chamber, the PBG, the VSB, the Cultural Arts organizations and the Center for Coastal Studies. We've got a lot of people talking about it – but we have to somehow come up with, what I call a strategic community plan for tourism in a whole new way where we can communicate in one form and say “how are we going to position ourselves for the future in this changing market – what has changed, where do we have to go, and how can we best put our resources together collectively on a go-forward basis. That is the fundamental issue there.

Health Care – We have some exciting opportunities here with the Care Campus. Outer Cape Health Services is a strong player here. We have HOW, we have Cape Wide Support Group, we have private physicians, the Council On Aging, VNA – we have a lot of Health Care resources here. Maybe the vision can be that we could, through getting all of these providers together, in-fact become provider of choice for health care for the lower cape and use that as an economic engine for the community. That's the economic opportunity that should be on the table and looked at with the housing needs with that sector as well as the other sectors.

Schools – The enrollment is declining here ... its declining Cape wide. This is no secret. So, what is the long-

term plan with the schools. We already have the Center for Coastal Studies going there. We have Campus Provincetown. We have other educational cultural facilities that perhaps could partake of the use of those buildings in the future. I don't know in what way, so that maybe these facilities, as we go through these changes can be more community based not strictly just K through 12.

Waterfront – is just a whole amazing opportunity that we haven't explored. We're just touching it now through the Adams Grant. The Pier Corporation has a part of it. It's our most key natural resource but it is yet a very silent player in Provincetown.

If I were to summarize all of this, these are the discussions we're having at the Economic Development Council. How can we put these issues forward? How can we be a catalyst? How can we bring people and parties together in new creative ways? Maybe, either its going to be a little tough along the way but I think a creative tension will be good for the future of this community, if we can manage it in a positive way.

David Nicolau – I look forward to you bringing in a facilitator down the road.

Sarah Peake - See a need for a cohesive and unified plan and can also see where a facilitator will be helpful in the future.

Cheryl Andrews – Think what were are all saying is that we have to communicate and work hard to bring this together.

Richard Olson – Item #2D – What is “Capitalized” Branding.?

Alix Ritchie .. When we talk about ‘branding’ we’re talking about a marketing concept.

Gabby Hanna – it's important to remember that ‘branding’ is not a slogan.

Alix Ritchie – We agree that we need to do a better job communicating as we go forward and better written communications.

Cheryl Andrews – Your interaction with the public ... I would suggest that you take input from the public soon .. maybe a Public Hearing. Alix Ritchie – Should it be our own Public Hearing?

Answer – Yes.

Your first bulleted item – CPC – If you're looking at affordable housing, etc., where would be a good place to put it ... keep in mind Duarte's Parking Lot.

Communication - strongly suggest that you remove the name ‘excess water gallonage’ that is in your report. Let's use the appropriate language – growth management permits.

Bill Dougal – Affordable Housing – how much housing do we need in this community that is on an affordable and rental basis? Where is it going to be constructed .. how are we going to assure that people who work this area are going to have access to this.

David Nicolau – Still have not figure out a way to accommodate middle income .. as well as work force housing.

Alix Ritchie – affordability of housing affects so many things here in town.

Schedule next quarterly meeting for sometime in February 2006.

## 2. PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Peter Sousa - New Cell Phone # 237-4174. Invite Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to tour Clapps Pond. A deer killed on November 26, 2005 – can't understand why killing is allowed and would like to set aside the 40 acres of Clapps Pond as NO-Kill area for wildlife.

## 3. SELECTMEN'S STATEMENTS

**Richard Olson**

Re: Max Bohm painting located in Judge Welsh Room – is a study for Pilgrim mural – and welcomes the Art Commission moving it around and out of the light within the room.

**David Nicolau**

Re: Max Bohm – after hearing from several people and all types of comments would vote to keep it as is and not have it moved.

Re: ZBA – decisions on social economic benefit - is there any background info that we get from Town Counsel?

**Sarah Peake**

Re: Max Bohm painting – comments taken out of context – especially by one reporter. It was never my intention to show disrespect for the Pilgrims or the Artist of the painting .. however, we have a tremendous amount of art owned by the Town and I have the highest degree of respect for our Art Commission ... I feel we are in their capable hands and look forward to whatever their recommendations might be.

***MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a thank you letter to Melanie Braverman for her services while serving on the Cultural Council.***

**Motion by: Sarah Peake .                      Seconded by: Cheryl Andrews      Yea 5    Nay 0**

CEM Care Campus hearing by Cape Cod Commission – will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.

**Cheryl Andrews**

Re: Max Bohm painting - ask that you consider that there is an emotional response by people and why there is such a reaction ... and consider why you voted the way you did. I hope you will reconsider your vote on this.

Viewed the Cape tip motor cross video that they sent to me and saw what they are doing and realize that there is no place in Provincetown for them to do what they do and I wanted to share this with you. After seeing what they are doing, we don't have a place in Provincetown that qualifies for what they need, so maybe we can work with other towns and see if there is a place where can advocate for them but it is not here.

**Michele Couture**

***MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter of thanks and congratulations to Cape Cod National Seashore Deputy Superintendent Mike Murray upon his appointment as Superintendent of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Wright Bothers National Memorial and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site in North Carolina.***

**Motion by: Michele Couture .....                      Seconded by: Richard Olson      Yea 5    Nay 0**

***MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter of thanks to Ann Colburn for her services while serving on the Harbor Committee.***

**Motion by: Michele Couture .....                      Seconded by: Richard Olson      Yea 5    Nay 0**

**MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reconsider the vote to give the green light to the Art Commission to replace the Max Bohm painting.**

**Motion by: Richard Olson .....                      Seconded by: David Nicolau  
Yea 3    Nay 2 (Michele Couture/Richard Olson)**

**MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to meet with the Art Commission to discuss the restoration of the Max Bohm painting.**

**Motion by: Sarah Peake .....                      Seconded by: David Nicolau  
Yea 3    Nay 2 (Michele Couture/Richard Olson)**

**4.                      BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Henry Tuttle as a Regular Member of the Economic Development Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2008.*

**Motion by:** Michele Couture ..... **Seconded by:** Richard Olson      Yea 5    Nay 0

**5A      TOWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE**

John Anderson Francis Family Scholarship Committee

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to MGL C.60,§3C, to appoint four members of the John Anderson Francis Family Scholarship Committee as the Board of Selectmen’s appointees to the Town Scholarship Committee.*

**Motion by:** Michele Couture              **Seconded by:** Richard Olson              Yea 5    Nay 0

**5B      TREASURER’S TRANSFER: SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

John Anderson Francis Family, Captain Joseph F. Oliver Funds

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote as Commissioners of the Scholarship Funds, to approve the transfer of \$7,750.00 from the John Anderson Francis Family Scholarship Fund for the payment of awarded scholarships.*

**Motion by:** Michele Couture              **Seconded by:** Richard Olson.      Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Scholarship Funds, to approve the transfer of \$7,750.00 from the Captain Joseph F. Oliver Scholarship Fund for the payment of awarded scholarships.*

**Motion by:** Michele Couture              **Seconded by:** Richard Olson      Yea 5    Nay 0

**5C      LOWER CAPE COD CDC**

Business Builders Technical Assistance

Gwen Pelletier, Executive Director and Elizabeth Bridgewater, Director of Economic Development for the Lower Cape Cod Community Development Corporation gave a brief presentation on the Lower Cape Cod CDC changes made during the last six months in the way they deliver services to client in the Business Builders Technical Assistance Programs and how they affect Provincetown.

**MOTION:** *Move that the BOS vote to ask the TM to draft a letter to the Governor asking for continued funding of the Lower Cape CDC Economic Development Program, to allow it to provide services in Provincetown for its small businesses.*

**Motion by:** Michele Couture      **Seconded by:** Richard Olson              Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION:** *Move that the BOS vote to ask the TM to draft a letter on their behalf to Senator Robert O’Leary and Representative Shirley Gomes and Senator Murray asking them to support legislation to support economic stimulus legislation to restore funding for Business Building Technical Assistance to the Lower Cape CDC.*

**Motion by:** Michele Couture      **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake              Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to take Agenda Item 6C out of order.*

**Motion by:** Richard Olson              **Seconded by:** Sarah Peake              Yea 5    Nay 0

**5D      REQUEST: PILGRIM MONUMENT**

Peter Hunt Furniture Collection – Loan Agreement

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the request of the Cape Cod Pilgrim Memorial*

*Association to extend for two years the loan agreement for three pieces of the Peter Hunt furniture collection; and to authorize the execution of a loan agreement therefore.*

Motion by: Sarah Peake      Seconded by: David Nicolau      Yea 5    Nay 0

5E      **PROCLAMATION: SENIOR CITIZENS DAY**

Sunday, December 11, 2005

***MOTION:*** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the application submitted by Steven Roderick of Provincetown, MA to proclaim Sunday, December 11, 2005 as “Senior Citizen Day” in the Town of Provincetown.*

Motion by: Michele Couture      Seconded by: Sarah Peake      Yea 5    Nay 0

6A      **MCDBG REPROGRAMMED FUNDS**

So Hollow Wellfield Rehabilitation - \$16,200- All Cape Drilling

***MOTION:*** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize execution of a contract in the amount of \$16,200 with low bidder All Cape Drilling for a scope of work for rehabilitation of wells at South Hollow, to be funded with reprogrammed funds under the Town of Provincetown's FY 2004 Community Development Fund Grant program.*

Motion by: Michele Couture.      Seconded by: David Nicolau      Yea 5    Nay 0

6B      **WASTERWATER UPDATE**

Sewer Optimization & Expansion – Facilitated Meeting Process

***MOTION:*** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize execution of a contract for facilitation services with Mr. John Goodrich in an amount not to exceed \$15,000; and schedule a facilitated meeting for Monday, December 19, 2005 at 6 p.m. on sewer optimization and expansion.*

Motion by: Michele Couture.      Seconded by: David Nicolau      Yea 5    Nay 0

6C      **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Recommended additional use of John Arthur Henry Trust Fund

***MOTION:*** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adopt the Human Services Committee’s recommendation to add the use of funds from the John Arthur Henry Trust Fund for the payment of orthodontics.*

Motion by: Michele Couture      Seconded by: Richard Olson  
Yea 4    Nay 0    Abstain 1 (Cheryl Andrews)

7.      **MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETINGS**

None at this time.

8.      **CLOSING STATEMENTS**

Richard Olson - None

David Nicolau – Nativity scene at the Bas Relief – open discussion ensued

Do a posting for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM – discuss Nativity Scene – Bas Relief.

Sarah Peake – Town Managers mid-year review. 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting in January.

Cheryl Andrews - None

Michele Couture - None

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture at 9:27 pm.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary  
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