

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Cheryl Andrews convened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following attendees: Board of Selectmen members: Cheryl Andrews, Michele Couture, Richard Olson, David Nicolau

Excused Absence: Sarah Peake

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

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

Cheryl Andrews recused herself, as she is a boat owner and would have a conflict of interest if the Selectmen were to consider the "Dartmouth Approach". She does not have a mooring, and otherwise could sit on this hearing. She turned the meeting over to Michele Couture and left the room.

1A **PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED: MOORING PERMIT FEES**

Establish Single Rte Structure for Residents, Non-Residents

Public Comments

Austin Knight – Can we possibly have the report of the Dartmouth Plan before we get into public comments so we can then have some comments about that?

Question came about as to whether the public portion of the Public Hearing was closed at the previous meeting on December 11, 2006. Keith Bergman – there are no statements in the minutes that tells us that the public comments portion of the hearing was closed.

Acting Chairman Couture - People are here and they obviously want to be heard. So, let's hear from the public first and once we close the public portion of the hearing we can talk about the Dartmouth Proposal. We will now open up the floor for public comments on the mooring permit fees.

Kerry Adams – Respectfully, I would like to reserve my comments for a later time in this meeting, however, I would like to ask that you invite the Harbormaster to at least layout what the Dartmouth approach is so that everyone in the room gets a better idea of it before you decide to table it or further discuss it.

Acting Chairman Couture – In as much as isn't part of actually what was published, it feels really awkward to bring it up as part of this discussion. I think what I am going to do is to have a discussion on what was published and then we will close that part and then we'll hear from the Harbormaster as the Board would want to be updated on it as well. Then have a discussion amongst the Board if we want to incorporate that or whether we want to table it until next year or however we want to handle it. Right now it is simply a public hearing simply on what has been published and what's continued from December 11, 2006

Mary-Jo Avellar – Since several plans have been mentioned from the time you had your initial public hearing in December, not only the Dartmouth Plan but the Harbor Committee has a plan, the Pier Corporation has a plan. I came into Town Hall and got a copy of the Agenda Action Request which has more than what's been advertised for the purpose of this public hearing. It seems to me that if you have three different proposals potentially which could impact the public in this matter that maybe the better thing for you to do is to re-advertise the whole darn thing and let people comment on all three of them. Personally feels that all the plans are discriminatory to the Senior Citizens of Provincetown and the fees are outrageous. I think this is a terrible plan and I urge you to vote no on this.

Austin Knight – I respect the passion of our previous speaker and I also would ask that you to schedule another public hearing and bring all three plans into the hearing and have all the committees involved submit their

reports and be represented at the hearing. Also, maybe tonight we can discuss the ruling that came down and let people know the ramifications of that ruling and what the town is going to do for those people who had charges already that may be refunded.

Chris Snow – Since the last meeting that I attended on this a lot of new information has come forward and people are here tonight and would like to know about the Dartmouth Plan. Advise the public of any information available that may affect the public such as potential lawsuits or outcome of lawsuits, other plans, etc. and what the ramifications of such may have on this hearing.

After Board discussion it was decided to have the Harbormaster give an explanation of the Dartmouth Plan.

Harbormaster Rex McKinsey gave a detailed explanation on the Dartmouth Plan. Some corrections that were in the local newspaper. The Pier Corp. did not take a vote on the fees and the Dartmouth Plan leaves everyone's rates alone. All fees go to general fund.

Chris Snow – Are the current fees collected – do they cover the fees for the Harbormaster Services? Answer: No

Alex Brown – Opposed to raising fees. Don't want any comparisons to any other harbors .. Provincetown is different. Not opposed to split fees.

Clarence Walker – Transit moorer – what is that? Answer by Harbormaster - Using Dartmouth as a template, they define a transient as a vessel that is not in their harbor for more than 14 communicative days. There is a definition in MA State Law for a habitually moored vessel and that would be the vessels that are in our harbor that are not necessarily Provincetown residents would be habitually moored as opposed to transient or just passing through.

Warren Goff – 1) What is the purpose of raising the funds. Where do the funds go – I don't think it goes into the General Fund, so I question what it is going to do for the Waterway improvement. 2) Concerning excise tax .. currently 50% of excise tax paid for any vessels moored or kept in the town harbor should be going to the waterways fund and I am wondering if that is happening. 3) And I question why we are raising rates .. what are we going to do with the money. What about the boats that mooring at Long Point year after year?

Marcene Marcoux - I am against split fee. The simpler issue is to stay with what we have.

Chris Snow - Indifference to the previous speaker. Our hospitality has gone overboard in this particular instance by \$50K. We the taxpayers have to pay for this.

Acting Chairman Couture closed the Public portion of this hearing at 6:59 PM.

Board of Selectmen Comments

Open discussion ensued.

Richard Olson - My own observation is that the Dartmouth Plan sounds to me like a split rate dressed up to go to the Supreme Judicial Court in fancy dress and I don't think it is worth pursuing.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to advertise a new public hearing based upon the Harbor Committee recommended fee structure and to rescind the senior discount adopted on March 22, 2004 and to table this agenda item until our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, February 26, 2007.

Motion by: Richard Olson Seconded by: David Nicolau Second withdrawn

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this agenda item until our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007.

Motion by: Richard Olson Seconded by: David Nicolau Yea 3 Nay 0

Cheryl Andrews returned.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to waive the reading of the Public Hearing Notice.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** David Nicolau **Yea 4 Nay 0**

Public Comments - None

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize submission of the Town of Provincetown's application including the Community Development Strategy under the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant's FY 2007 Community Development Fund program for water treatment upgrades at Knowles Crossing, \$745,200; general administration, \$54,800; for a total of \$800,000.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson **Yea 4 Nay 0**

2. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Rex McKinsey – Reason for our new uniforms – we have a number of centennial events coming up to celebrate the history of Provincetown and its fishing fleet and various other aspects of it. The Pier Corporation has adopted as its seal the handle from the Lipton Cup and will be using it as part of the Harbormasters Uniforms this year to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Rose Dorthea winning the Lipton Cup on August 1, 1907.

Kerry Adams - Surprised that the Board of Selectmen did not consider the Dartmouth Plan and thinks that the public deserves the right to hear about it and discuss it. Also hopes that the Board keeps the senior citizens discount. Hopes that the town is not taken to court by a non-resident over the higher fees they pay for their parking stickers.

Chris Snow – Increase the mooring fees uniformly for resident and non-residents ... through the roof but allow the residents that are mooring permit holders a rebate on their real estate taxes to the amount of the difference.

Clarence Walker – In response to Mr. Snow's comments .. what about people who only rent?

Austin Knight - Re: 531 Commercial Street - historic building being torn down. Previous historic building torn down .. approximately \$10K was received in fines .. how much is left? Advertisement for new Building Commissioner – what about bringing in a new interim one until a new Town Manager is hired. Fireworks Task Committee - would like a motion to bring Fireworks on the 4th of July ..we have commitments of \$10K already. Change fund name to 4th of July Celebration to open it up for payment of many things that come under that umbrella. \$25K is the goal of the Task Force.

Celine Gandolfo - Thanked the Board of Selectmen for the purchase of the theatre property on Harry Kemp Way. Spoke on Old Colony Nature Pathway – abandoned Railroad right of way and passed out information on this to Board of Selectmen (*See attachment #1*)

Mary-Jo Avellar – Remind the theatre people that they promised to clean up the area that was recently bought by the Town. Massachusetts Moderators Association had a nice booth this year at the MMA and they had a nice CD and I hope that the Town will show the DVD prior to the town meeting.

Amy Germain – There is a public hearing period ending the 26th of this month on the National Seashore Bike Trails and I encourage everyone to ask the National Seashore not to widen them. 2) An important distinction that is not being made during all the conversation about Affordable Housing -- that being the difference between affordable rental housing and affordable purchase of housing .. and want to bring this to your attention.

Marcene Marcoux – 1) As a member of the Provincetown Theatre, we did clean up that area already .. and did not say we would clear it forever. 2) 4th July Task Force – have been meeting since November and preparing for this coming July. We meet every week and have a separate funding committee. We only started raising money less than a week ago and so far, in six days, we have raised \$10K.

Clarence Walker – It is critical for the Town to put off any major hiring or structural changes to the town until a new Town Manager is hired. Someone has resigned and I ask for a clarification of who is in charge and who

signs the papers.

3. SELECTMEN'S STATEMENTS

Michele Couture

Fireworks – Glad to see that everyone is working on this and hope that we do not fall short of the funds that are need this year. We fell short by \$15,000 last year and I do not wish to have that repeated this year. I commend everyone for working hard to see that we have a great celebration and it doesn't fall short financially.

Re: 531 Commercial Street – Understand the Historic Commission has a meeting on this on February 7th and I intend on being at this meeting. We need to have a fine structure in place that is really stringent.

Historic District Commission - There are nine reasons why you can go into executive session and you cannot discuss what you discussed in that meeting.

Letter from Dennis Ale asking to be consider as one of our appointees to the Reconstituted Dune Shack Subcommittee. Would like to invite him in for an interview before we appoint him. (Keith Bergman will ask George Price what the process is on this.) Board agreed to ask Dennis in for an interview.

Town Hall Clock – Letter from Sandy Turner –checking with Eric Dray to see if the CPC will fund the repairs.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to apply to Community Preservation Act to obtain funds to restore the Town Clock.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: David Nicolau **Yea 4 Nay 0**

Email to Town Manager from Russell Kleekamp re: Transfer Station Repairs dated 1/16/07 –. Would like to know when and if we have to go back to Truro and when do we expect repairs to be made. David Guertin: No we do not have to go back to Truro. Repairs should be done within two week and the Engineer bears full responsibility for repairs and costs. We're looking NOT to go back to Truro and also minimize the duration and to eliminate any expense. Cheryl Andrews – As soon as the repairs are complete can we be notified as well as Mr. Bergman. Thank you.

Richard Olson

Mr. Walker raised the point about the status of Mr. Taylor the Building Commissioner and what is that Keith? Answer: He has submitted his resignation and it is correct that he has not established a date for that termination. Considering that there is a pending vacancy we've advertised as the by-laws direct to fill the vacancy. I'm happy to explore this idea of an interim situation; all thought it was not my intent to, without making an appointment.

Timetable for finding a new Town Manager, in reference to what Mr. Walker said about not wanting to do anything before a new town manager comes aboard who might have the opportunity to make important appointments – if Mr. Taylor stays on for that time, I'm talking a few months, and having an interim and someone getting up to speed doesn't seem much sense to me. But you're the guy in charge.

Cheryl Andrews – I think Mr. Bergman should hear from all the Selectmen on this one and I'll weigh in and take the opposing view. I think the situation is not one that makes me feel content about the way we are doing business. While I was away a resignation was tendered and I think the town should accept it and I think an interim makes sense. We've done it for other positions. We've done it for years .. with the health agent. Bottom line is I don't want to talk about personnel. But since the issue has been raised and Mr. Bergman has addressed it and you're looking for direction, you have my support to pursue an interim appointment with a temporary.

Michele Couture - I am of the opinion with Richard that I value Mr. Taylor's expertise and if we could keep him for as long as we can then that would be my wish. Though I have to say it feels really awkward talking about this. David Nicolau – And I'm not going to talk about it. Cheryl Andrews – That's why I didn't. I didn't say the person's name and I didn't talk about the position and I don't think we should. And you certainly can address what was raised in public statements tonight without discussing the individual that tendered the resignation, and that's what I did.

In response to Mr. Snow's comments in charging through the roof for mooring permit and then rebating to town taxpayers. I can't see charging through the roof for anyone if we want to keep this town with our harbor an economically viable and a vibrant place for people to do business and come for recreation. I wouldn't like to see one boat less in this harbor on account of charging through the roof.

Excellent article in the Cape Codder about Provincetown and archiving the town's historical items is no easy task and how our historical resources are so scattered. This reminds me that one of the things we discussed was 'surplus property'. Sometime soon, are we going to hear a report on the old business of recycling town owned property?

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to schedule and agenda item 'Freeman Street Building' for our next regular scheduled meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 0

David Nicolau

With regards to the Town Manager and him making decisions before he leaves, so that you know as far as the Police Chief's position goes he will not be doing that because he is going to be leaving and we have not even started a search yet for this Chief's position. Relative to the Building Commissioner goes, I believe that in the end the decision lies with the Selectmen to approve anything that is going to be done with that position. Trying to get through the end of these last months before Keith leaves there is lots going on and there's lots to talk about between now and May and I am very well aware of it. It's on my mind lately and I am very well aware of it.

Re: 531 Commercial Street – To me there are two separate issues. 1) The issue of historic – that the building was demolished without a permit or a demolishing permit. Stringent penalties / fines have to be put in place so that this does not happen in the future .. and we can all discuss this. 2) Don't know how the scaffolding got so high without a special permit. Someone should have said something long ago. They spend a fortune on this. It fell through the cracks somehow and it was a big crack to fall through. I wasn't happy about that at all.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote move that the Board of Selectmen vote to have the 4th of July fireworks be on Wednesday, the 4th of July 2007.

Motion by: David Nicolau Seconded by: Michele Couture Second withdrawn

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to have an agenda item to name the Old Colony Nature Pathway (old abandoned railroad right of way.)

Motion by: David Nicolau Seconded by: Michele Couture Yea 4 Nay 0

To Town Moderator - Encourage you to submit a budget.

Cheryl Andrews

We all attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Convention in Boston last week. What was wonderful about it was that they gave us class after class on all the topics you are hearing about – whether it's open meeting law, grant opportunities, state funding, different ways to do things, trade shows. Madam Moderator and several members of the Finance Committee attended. More and more of FinCom Members are attending and all of us here are very glad about that because Municipal Finance is totally different than anything else.

Difference between policies that address affordable ownership vs. affordable rentals - You bet! The Selectmen have discussed that for years and agree that they are two really different things. I don't know too many twenty-year olds that are ready to buy a house. I know a lot of them that would love to have a year-round apartment here. There is a section of the Annual Report, you will get it when you go to Town Meeting this year, that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen with the concurrence of the rest of the Board on all the topics we have been working on. And if you go back you'll see that every year we've talked about rentals. So, I totally agree with you.

Letter from Gary Delius in his capacity as MIS Director for the Town of Truro asking us to support an application in from the Cape Cod Community College regarding the "Open Cape Project". I've shown it to Keith and he is OK with it. It doesn't involve one penny at this point and I don't know if it every will but it simply ask for support for what they are looking at which is geared towards providing redundant and fail-safe communications for high-speed, wireless, connectivity to the Outer Cape during times of serious emergencies

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a letter Dan Gallagher, Executive Director of Information Technology, Cape Cod Community College in support of the "Open Cape Project".*

Motion by: Cheryl Andrews **Seconded by:** David Nicolau
Yea 3 Nay 1 (Michele Couture)

Our first Budget Meeting is next week and our FinCom Chairman Gary Delius asked if they could attend and I agreed. I've asked him to outline what the topics are that they want. It should be no longer than one hour.

Congratulations to Mary-Jo Avellar. We did all see the appointment - now we need an alternate.

On the bike trail .. I did go to that meeting and I totally agree with you and everyone in the room agreed with you. They seem to be listening – they still want to do something out there but I think we let them know that if they started mucking up with the bike trail that we all adore for its coolness – they'd be in big trouble. The good news is that they don't have the money to do what they originally plan to. But the issue is important

Discussion of fines by Historic Commission – Foley House and how it was handled and how we've learned since then.

4A BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Amy Germain to the Recycling Committee as Regular Member with a term to expire December 31, 2009.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Amy Germain to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Alternate Member with a term to expire December 31, 2009.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson
Yea 3 Nay 1 (David Nicolau)

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Lee Bartell to the Recycling Committees as Regular Member with a term to expire December 31, 2009.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 0

5A REFER ZONING AMENDMENT TO PLANNING BOARD

Proposed Amendment for April 2007 Town Meeting

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to MGL C. 40A, §5, to refer to the Planning Board a zoning amendment proposed the Planning Board to Section 4800, Affordable Housing By-law.*

Motion by: David Nicolau **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 0

5B **FORMER FIRE STATION NO. 2**

Repair Costs – 189 Commercial Street – 4th Town Landing

Open discussion ensued.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to table this agenda item until our next regular schedule meeting on Monday, February 12, 2007.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 0

5C **TOWN HALL REPAIR PROJECT**

Update

Open discussion ensued. No motions made.

5D **TREASURER'S TRANSFERS**

John A. Henry Trust Fund

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote as Commissioners of the Trust Funds, to approve the transfer of \$1,960.66 from the John A. Henry Trust Fund for the payment of the attached invoice.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** David Nicolau Yea 4 Nay 0

6A **HOUSING ACTION PLAN**

Adoption of the Affordable/Community Housing Action Plan

Invite working group to meet with Board of Selectmen. Talk about process.

Invite John Ryan to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the Housing Action Plan on any day around 5 PM. Cheryl asked Keith to provide a matrix.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the Town Manager to meet with the Community Preservation Commission on behalf of the Board of Selectmen in furtherance of the financial working group for a community housing staff person.*

Motion by: David Nicolau **Seconded by:** Richard Olson Yea 4 Nay 0

7A **SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING**

Growth Management Report [Zoning By-laws §660093]

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to schedule its annual hearing under the Growth Management Zoning By-law for February 12, 2007 at 6 p.m. to make findings pursuant to Section 6600, Growth Limitation Goal Allocations, as follows: (1) that the average daily withdrawal for the Provincetown Water System has decreased from 784,666 gallons per day in 2005 to 724,797 GPDs in 2006; (2) that the permitted level is 850,000 GPDs; and (3) that, therefore, the Town is in compliance with the water withdrawal permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection.*

Motion by: David Nicolau **Seconded by:** Michele Couture Yea 4 Nay 0

7B **2006 MCDBG – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

Design & Engineering/environmental Partners Group, Inc.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and execute a contract with Environmental Partners Group, Inc. of Hingham, Massachusetts in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for design engineering services for the water system improvements project funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development under its 2006 Massachusetts Community Development Fund*

program.

Motion by: Michele Couture

Seconded by: Richard Olson

Yea 4 Nay 0

7C GRANT APPLICATION

Cape & Islands License Plate Small Grant Application

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the submission of a letter of intent and, if invited, a grant application for \$25,000 under the Cape & Islands License Plate Small Grant Program for a project to stimulate cultural tourism in Provincetown through the development and implementation of Provincetown's Path to Culture: **Wayfinding & Storytelling.***

Motion by: Richard Olson

Seconded by: David Nicolau

Yea 4 Nay 0

7D EOPS

SETS Training Grant Application

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the Police Chief to submit a Statewide Emergency Telecommunications Board Training Grant application to the Executive Office of Public Safety in the amount of \$4,052 for dispatch training.*

Motion by: Michele Couture

Seconded by: Richard Olson

Yea 4 Nay 0

7E1 ELECTION

Filling Vacancy on the Board of Selectmen

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to pursuant to MGL C. 41, §10, to place Selectmen Sarah K. Peake's remaining term on the Board of Selectmen on the May 1, 2007 Annual Town Election ballot, such term to commence on May 2, 2007 and expire on May 6, 2008, and to file such vote with the Town Clerk.*

Motion by: David Nicolau

Seconded by: Michele Couture

Yea 4 Nay 0

7E2 MDPH HIV/AIDS GRANT

Virtual Gateway Service Agreement

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the execution of the Virtual Gateway Service Agreement with the Executive Office of Health and Human Services with Program Manager as the "User" to access the on-line billing system.*

Motion by: Michele Couture

Seconded by: Richard Olson

Yea 4 Nay 0

7E3 CHARTER AMENDMENT

Charter Residency Requirements for Certain Paid Town Positions

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to submit an Article on the April 2007 Special Town Meeting for a home rule petition to amend the Charter to allow the Board of Selectmen to waive the residency requirement for the Town Manager and to eliminate the residency requirement for all other paid town positions.*

Motion by: Michele Couture

Seconded by: David Nicolau

Yea 4 Nay 0

7E4 CAPE END MANOR CARE CAMPUS

Confirmatory Taking Votes Requested by Town Counsel

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to Article 1 of the April 4, 2005 Special Town*

Meeting, to approve and execute an order of taking for the purpose of perfecting the Town's title to the parcel of land shown as "Parcel 2 Area = 61,667± Sq.Ft. 1.416± Acres" on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Provincetown as Surveyed for Town of Provincetown 'Cape End Manor,'" dated October, 2005, prepared by William N. Rogers Professional Civil Engineers & Land Surveyor, recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 614, Page 61, and that the Selectmen determine that no damages are due for such taking, and that the Selectmen authorize Town Counsel to record such order of taking.

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: David Nicolau Yea 4 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote pursuant to Article 1 of the October 25, 2004 Special Town Meeting to approve and execute an order of taking for general municipal purposes, including the purpose of perfecting the Town's title to, a parcel of land shown as "Parcel 1 Area = 53,976± Sq.Ft. 1.239± Acres" on plan entitled "Plan of Land in Provincetown As Surveyed for Town of Provincetown 'Cape End Manor, dated October, 2005, prepared by William N. Rogers, Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 614, Plan 61, together with the easements appurtenant thereto, and that the Selectmen determine that no damages are due for such taking, and that the Selectmen authorize Town Counsel to record such order of taking.*

Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: David Nicolau Yea 4 Nay 0

8. **MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of: December 11, 2006 (Wasterwater) as printed.*

**Motion by: Richard Olson Seconded by: David Nicolau
Yea 3 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Cheryl Andrews)**

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of: December 11, 2006 (Regular Mtg.) as printed.*

**Motion by: Richard Olson Seconded by: Richard Olson
Yea 3 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Cheryl Andrews)**

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of: December 12, 2006 (Mtg. w/School Committee as printed.*

**Motion by: Richard Olson Seconded by: David Nicolau
Yea 3 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Cheryl Andrews)**

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of: December 15, 2006 (Dog Hearing) as printed.*

**Motion by: Richard Olson Seconded by: Richard Olson
Yea 3 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Cheryl Andrews)**

8. **CLOSING STATEMENTS**

Michele Couture

We did get our DON last month didn't we? Answer: Yes. I just wanted to say "Congratulations" to all those people responsible. We've been waiting for this to come through for awhile. There were some people from the State that were sticking in with us and I would like to find out who they were and send letters of thanks. Cheryl Andrews - Our annual report – the first paragraph talks about the Manor and thanks everyone, especially Keith. I'll send you all a copy – or Vernon will send you out a copy.

Richard Olson - None

David Nicolau

We need to look at our agendas more carefully in order to have some of our staff not have to sit here for long periods of time. I would have made a motion to take some of them out of order. Maybe someone can help remind me of that so we can let them go home and not have to sit here all night long. Cheryl Andrews – Maybe we should have a sign-in sheet. Keith – Would you be so kind to implement that. We would be happy to have a sign-in sheet.

Cheryl Andrews

For all the housing initiatives .. for as much as it may feel like we are painfully considering every minor detail .. I know that if I go and create town policy about something that I have questions about or that is controversial, I'm going to get a call first thing in the morning – “you did what?” ... OK! That's the way it works .. that's why they pay us the big buck .. to read all this stuff and ask the questions.

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture at 10:29 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter, Secretary
January 26, 2007