

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPECIAL MEETING – FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2007

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Cheryl Andrews opened the meeting at 5:00 PM noting the following attendees: Board of Selectmen members: Cheryl Andrews, Sarah Peake, Michele Couture, Richard Olson, David Nicolau

Other Attendees: Consultant Thomas Groux of Groux & Associates

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

1. TOWN MANAGER SEARCH PROCESS

Disclosure by Sarah Peake

“Because of some questions I understand have been raised and there was some mention in a newspaper article regarding a potential conflict of interest, I have today, filed a disclosure with the Town Clerk’s office. I’ve check with the Ethics Commission and there is no conflict of interest but I do have a friendship relationship with one of the candidates (Sharon Lynn) prior to the time the search process began and applications were received. She has made some donations to my State Rep Campaign but I have disclosed this, filed it with the Town Clerk and I can be fair and impartial in my judgment and I’m just disclosing it so there is no appearance of a conflict of interest.”

Chairman Andrews briefly reviewed the agenda of the previous Board meeting on Saturday, February 17, 2007 in that the Board met starting at 2 PM, then spoke in public followed by interviewing four candidates and then in public once again for about an half hour and reduced the number of candidates from four to two and have not met since.

The purpose of the meeting today is to see what the next step is and how the Board would like to proceed.

Chairman Andrews explained that the Mr. Groux’s has been with us since the beginning of this process and was responsibility for forming the Search Committee ... and gave special thanks to the Search Committee who worked so hard on behalf of the town.

Mr. Groux’s job is to: a) make sure that the Board of Selectmen completes this process by the letter of the law, b) help the Board of Selectmen conceive a consensus.

Mr. Groux - At the last meeting you ask me to do a few things. One of which was to verify the resume information that the two candidate presented in their resumes, their cover letters and statements they made during their interviews. You also ask me to give some consideration to what you, as a Board of Selectmen, need to be aware of with respect to contract issues that may come up with either of the two candidates that you may end up offering the position to and attempting to negotiate a contract with.

On the later part there is information I would like to share with you that you need to be aware of that pertains to contract issues – that ought to be done in executive session. The issue of references and verification of that data has been completed. I would say that both candidates – Michael Coughlin and Sharon Lynn – the information they have presented to you in their resumes, cover letters and statements they made at the meetings are accurate – I find no discrepancies. The references they gave me and the people I spoke to beyond that pretty much verified what was presented pretty accurate information. I think you have two very well qualified candidates. Different management styles and different experience level ... on the other hand both of them are certainly well qualified according to the standards that your charter requires and the Board of Selectmen have set forth. I did recommend early on and will repeat that I think it is important that your choice be unanimous, if possible.

Open discussion ensued.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote pursuant to MGL C.39,§23B, clause 3 to go into executive session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel; and to convene in open session thereafter.*

Motion by: Michele Couture

Seconded by: Richard Olson

[Roll Call]

Michele Couture – Yea

Richard Olson – Yea

David Nicolau – Yea

Sarah Peake – Yea

Cheryl Andrews - Yea

Yea 5 Nay 0 - **Motion Passes** -

The board went into executive session at 5:15 pm.

The board reconvened in open session at 6 pm.

Open discussion ensued and each Selectman gave their view on the candidates and the selection of their choice for the next town manager.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize our consultant, Thomas Groux, to act on our behalf to open negotiations with Sharon Lynn for the position of Town Manager for the Town of Provincetown subject to satisfactory contract negotiations as the Board discussed in our Executive Session.*

Motion by: Cheryl Andrews

Seconded by: Michele Couture

Yea 5 Nay 0

Next meeting scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2007 at 5 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture at 6:25 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary

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