

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2002

- OPEN FORUM -

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Mary-Jo Avellar opened the meeting 6:00 PM noting the following attendees:

Board of Selectmen members: Mary-Jo Avellar, Cheryl Andrews, Michele Couture, Sarah Peake, Richard Olson.

Other attendees: Town Manager Keith Bergman

Recorder: Secretary to the Board of Selectmen Vernon Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

Keith Bergman welcomed and introduced the new Director of Community Development Jon Gilmore to the Board of Selectmen.

1 PUBLIC FORM TO HEAR THE CONCERNS OF THE CITIZENS

John Burke, 127 Bradford Street - 1) Applaud the Police Department on the work they are doing and how wonderful they have been to us each time we have met with them. 2) Expressed great concerns over receiving a ticket he received for Handicapped Parking and how he was handled by both the meter enforcement officer and Parking Administrator Don Richards (bad attitude!).

Louise Robbins, 12 Old Colony Way #4 - Complained that she was not getting the protection she needs from the Police Department regarding one of her ex-tenants - John Chartier. She alleges that he stole from her and has threatened her. This is a Civil Matter.

Michael Bunn on behalf of PHA - Public forum is great. Next year there will be 18 units available for affordable housing - with 167 applications. Still a lot of work to do towards this goal. Thanked the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager for all their help.

Barbara Rushmore - Spoke on the war in Iraq. Every Saturday from 1:30 - 2:30 PM her group passes out information in front of Town Hall and encourage the Board of Selectmen to join them anytime. Suggest we have a 'Building Committee, like the one we have for the Pier Project' for all the projects in Town. Discrimination - all girls dance being held? You should not discriminate for your own cause. (Private club owner matter.)

Cheryl Andrews - Under the impression that the Water & Sewer Board would take over where the CAC finished. Suggest a letter be sent to the W & S Board to outline what their role is in overseeing construction of the sewer (as the Building Committee does for the Pier Project).

Mary-Jo Avellar - Would like a report from Town Manager on Mr. Burke and Ms. Robbins comments.

Cheryl Andrews - Would like to learn more about grants for public funds - what are the rules/guidelines for use of public facilities and Town funds? Board discussed that we might meet with the Women's Week organizing committee re: the issue Barbara Rushmore raised. Women's only dance - exclusive of opposite sex.

Sarah Peake - The particular occasion that Ms. Rushmore is speaking about is not related to any VSB supported functions. This is a private promoter and private owner. (The Pied)

David Burbank - Disapprove of smoking ban. May want to have a warrant put on Town Meeting in April.
Sarah Peake - you can do this but understand that it would be non-binding. BOH is governed by the MA

Department of Health. Cheryl Andrews - "I suggest that there is something that you can do about it - apply to be on the Board of Health."

Ann Lord - Would like to see a roundtable discussion - with a facilitator - to discuss Affordable Housing. Concerned about Affordable Housing and Open Space.

Tom Kalish - Appreciate the Pier project and the Sewer project. What is going to happen to the Fire Station across from Spiritus? Heard it **was not** going to be used for restrooms; we need this to be open 24 hours day for restrooms. Also, now that the sewer is being installed - what about a Laundromat?

Peter Souza - Buses in town produces a high level of low-level ozone, which is bad for everyone. Have had no response from ConCom's letter re: arsenic leaching into harbor. Suggest that we test to see if it is leaching. Also, requested funding for ConCom for consultant to put regulations together for new by-laws - but have had no response as of this date. Appointments being made without applications? Burn Dump - was promised by David Guertin and Mark White that monies are available to replace all trees (Total of 568 trees.) When is it going to happen?

Mary-Jo Avellar - Replace them with Red Maple - they have a shallow root system.

Emily Marks - 294A Commercial Street - What is going on with the big boat at the end of the pier? What about usage of town electricity, water, etc.? Sewer installation - when they install the neighbor's sewer it will tear up our retaining wall and parking lot - who will pay for the restoration of this - what is the process? Mary-Jo Avellar - they pay for their own electricity - the town has nothing to do with electrical supply. Keith - we will talk with DPW and get a report.

Cheryl Andrews - New vessel at Cabral's Wharf - hypothetically, what is the town's responsibility toward the pump out services if requested by Mr. Cabral? Keith - will ask Dept of Community Development Director to look into this.

Margaret Carroll-Bergman - Re: Affordable Housing. Two people from the State offered PHA the property. If we did not take it, it would be put out to bid. At our last meeting PHA pledge to support the Board of Selectmen's decision to keep it as open space. We had legislation for 35% of Land Bank Funds to go towards affordable housing but two people from ConCom had it squashed. Votes of town meeting were worked against behind the scenes. Suggest we re-vote the 35% as new legislation. Secure funds so that PHA can purchase properties on the market and redevelop them. Possible Real Estate Tax on sale of properties over a certain amount.

Robert Cabral - Dredging at pier - understand they are only going to dredge half of the poisoned area. Should dispose of all of it. We have a contract to dispose of this material to a Hazardous Waste location and we have to do something about it now.

Tom Kalish - raised concerns of the future of the High School due to its declining enrollment.

Sarah Peake - Would like to have an agenda item perhaps prior to December 2nd or soon after that if we have this Affordable Housing Seminar. Let's look at all scenarios. Dredging is part of the project. Do we have permits? Has there been a change to the project? Keith - We have permits for this project and will get a report for you.

Michael Bunn - Re: Affordable Housing - Other towns are calling us and asking for solutions. Concerns for those that are just above the low income level for housing. Also need to consider seasonal work force housing.

Motion to adjourn by Richard Olson at 8:15 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter
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