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TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPECIAL MEETING - APRIL 27, 2000

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman, Betty Steele-Jeffers opened the meeting at 5:00 PM, noting the following attendees: Board of Selectmen members: Elizabeth Steele-Jeffers, Cheryl Andrews, Mary-Jo Avellar and David Atkinson. Excused Absence: Richard Prowell.

The following are minutes, in brief.

1 BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote Sarah Robin of 4 Stearns Avenue, Provincetown, MA as a Regular member of the Historic District Study Committee.*

Motion by: David Atkinson Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Yea 4 Nay 0**

2 LETTER OF COMPLETION

Letter from the Board of Selectmen , term year ending May 2000, to the next Board. This letter was voted on at a meeting held April 27, 2000 with four members present. It was a 4-0 vote to approve.

This letter will serve to provide you with a chronicle of ongoing projects and our positions regarding them. We will specifically highlight those goals that either were not achieved or not completed fully. We will also highlight discussion points that were notable so as not to revisit them needlessly.

1. Cape End Manor: this year we set a difficult goal for the Manor staff of lowering the annual deficit to \$150,000. Ultimately, it was not an achievable goal. It appears that even with extremely tight management, the deficit will remain problematic unless reimbursement rates from Medicaid and Medicare are increased.

We need to get more active in the political side of this problem. Can our legislators help? What about various advocacy groups? We need to enlist the aid of our legislators pronto!! We would like to examine alternative means of structure and/or management or ownership this year. We did not achieve that goal either. We need to re-examine the concept of adding an out-patient rehab component to Manor services. Is this a viable idea? Are systems in place such that if key personnel were out for any extended time, fiscal management would remain tight? What is our plan regarding the physical plant? Clearly it is out of date and capable of gobbling up capital improvement dollars.

2. Sewer: We are investigating, per the vote of the 2000 ATM, the Old Burn Dump as the site for our Wastewater Treatment Plant. Future decisions will need to be made in the areas of leaching locations, construction schedules, choosing a construction firm and final determination of the exact boundaries of the sewer district. The selectmen need to discuss the role of the CAC in the ongoing process and determine how long they will need to continue to function. A strong public relations component will be necessary during all phases of this project. The selectmen will need to be well-informed regarding impacts of construction on the lives of citizens.

3. Pier: We need to finalize any changes to the project as presented to the January 2000 STM , using a vote of the board for clarity. We need to be well-informed as to the fiscal impact of

any changes i.e. how will the loss of the finger piers effect the overall business plan as proposed for the new Public Pier Corporation? We need to again, be pro-active in reducing the impact of the construction on the townspeople. When do we need to have the Public Pier Corp. up and running? (that is, when do we need to go hunting to find 'volunteers'?). We need a timeline for the project.

4. Heritage Museum: We need to get the Tappe study in front of us and figure out where this project is going. We need to decide early in the year what we would like to take to the 2001 ATM. Clearly, the town manager's fiscal policy plan says we can't spend a lot of money on the project. At the same time, we need to set a clear policy direction and usually the ATM does that by voting to spend! We need another timeline for decision making on this project.

5. Fiscal Management: Have we got a plan if the economy goes south? The selectmen agree with the FinCom that we should fund a stabilization account.
Fiscal goals: should we do a fiscal wrap-up? To look at what our projections are and see how we actually ended up after the ATM? Should we review the numbers that we generated from the study with Warren Rutherford and compare them to reality?

6. Water: where are we with Truro? we did achieve our goals...reduced pumping, conformance with permit, GM by-law, pursue new sources. Plan? need to press State on our 100,000!!! need to have Truro enforce the water regs in Truro. Need to enforce ours here. Do we have existing irrigation wells in places where they don't belong?

7. DRM : Asst Town Manager needs to help with this. We await the re-organization (again) of this department. Will we have a full-time Health Agent ? Will we have a part-time Conservation Agent? What are the needs of the committees/boards/staff?
The staff generated a list of needs and met with a 'focus group' in order to create it. We asked that this group meet again to examine how the project fared. What is the result?

8. Will we examine how we deal with businesses that have permits to park in special locations to conduct commercial activity e.g.. dune tour, trolley? Will we examine the fee?

9. Will we have a re-write of the scale by-law? What help does our Planning Board need?

10. The Board would like to see, especially between April and November, a stronger police presence in the downtown area. We'd like to see more foot patrols. This would be a deterrent to some illegal activity for example, vandalism. And we'd like to see the officers educating pedestrians as to laws they may be violating, for example skateboarding on private property without permission, skateboarding on the Doughboy or sidewalk or town hall steps.

Good Luck!

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 PM.

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Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary May 2, 2000