

## Town of Provincetown Charter Enforcement Commission Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2012

Present: Tina Trudel (Chair), Astrid Berg, Jerry Anathan, Julia L. Perry  
Absent Excused: Sheila McGuinness

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m.

1. Minutes of March 26, 2012, reviewed:
  - a. Members voted to table the issue of whether to proceed with a review of the Town Charter.
  - b. Members voted for a change in the size of the Finance Committee – changing the quorum from 7 to 5. This issue was later approved at the Town Meeting in April 2012.

Approval of the Minutes for March 26, 2012, delayed until the return of Sheila McGuinness.

2. Chair Tina Trudel distributed copies of the Massachusetts Law on Home Rule (Chapter 43B) preliminary to a discussion as to whether to initiate a review or revision of the Town Charter. Section 3 covers Charter Revision.
  - a. Requires a Petition for Review
  - b. Requires a Charter Committee of 9 persons who must be elected to serve.
  - c. Requires review by Town Counsel of the Revised Charter.
3. Commission discussed the need for a Charter Review and concerns such as:
  - a. Issue of Ad Hoc Committees – no procedure in the Charter to establish, not under Conflict of Interest rules governing all committees under the Charter.
  - b. Issue of Term Limits, Attendance
  - c. Other concerns of the public regarding coverage and clarity
4. Issue raised as to whether the Charter Commission wants to invite comment on the issue of Charter Review at a Public Meeting. Motion to proceed with an open meeting in July approved (4 in favor). Chair offered to lay out the steps to proceed. Proposed that two Public Meetings be held the same day at noon and 6:30 p.m., and that written comments will be solicited as well.
5. Member Astrid Berg raised the issue of a member of a regulatory board being absent for two winters. Need to remind Chairs of their responsibility to enforce attendance requirements laid out in the Town Charter. Proposal for Chair Tina Trudel to contact the Town Clerk for guidance on the process to remind Regulatory Board Chairs of their responsibility – approved (3 in favor, 1 recused).

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.