

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Board of Registrars

MEETING MINUTES OF

April 2, 2014

MEETING HELD IN THE CAUCUS HALL MEETING ROOM

Members Present: Doug Johnstone, Olive Ahmuty, Dick Caouette.

Members Absent: Marianne Clements (excused).

Others Present: Dieter Groll

Doug Johnstone called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Groll Objection to the Board of Registrars: The board addressed the objection filed by Dieter Groll via e-mail on March 28, 2014 and received by the Town Clerk on March 31, 2014 regarding the placing of Daniel Hoort's name on the May 6, 2014 Annual Town Election ballot due to a potential Charter violation which would prohibit Daniel Hoort from serving as an elected member of the Charter Enforcement Commission while also being employed by the Town as the Municipal Finance Director.

Dieter Groll spoke to his Memorandum of Objection (attached).

The objection was found to be out of order and beyond the purview of the Board of Registrars or the scope of the referenced MGL c.55B §7 since it addressed a potential violation of the Town Charter should Daniel Hoort be elected. There is nothing to prevent a Town employee from submitting their name to any elected office of the Town provided they have met the election requirements to do so (the example of Richard Prowell, the Secretary to the Board of Selectmen in 1999 who also ran for Selectmen that year was provided). If elected, that employee may have choices to make concerning either their current employment with the Town or their accepting the elected position, subject to applicable provisions contained in the Town Charter, but that has no bearing on an individual's right to be placed on an election ballot in accordance with applicable state and local election requirements.

Based on the discussion with the Board of Registrars, Dieter Groll officially withdrew his objection so that he could present his objection to the Charter Enforcement Commission, as specified in Chapter 5, section 2 of the Provincetown Charter.

Doug Johnstone moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. and it was so moved unanimously.