



Public Notice

Adoption of Annual Town-wide Policy Goals for FY 2015

The Provincetown Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing on **Monday, July 28, 2014 at 6 p.m.** in the Judge Welsh Room, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA, and then and there voted to adopt the following Town-wide policy goals for Fiscal Year 2015:

FY2015 Town Wide Policy Goals

Fiscal Management

Explore different approaches to taxing property to promote year-round businesses and housing. Have a comprehensive discussion of possible changes in tax policy to support a year-round community, including small business exemption, year round residential exemption and taxing short term rentals.

A five year Fiscal Policy Plan and a five year Capital Improvement Plan are essential tools needed for future forecasting and planning and are included in the Charter. However, from time to time it is important to take a longer view and for fiscal year 2015, we will work with staff to develop a 10 year Financial Plan that projects revenue and expenses to determine what, if any, changes in expense, revenue or development trends are required.

Review the Clifton Larson Allen Audit Report and Management Letter and craft compliance plan.

Community Housing

Develop a plan to achieve 10% affordable units in 3 years.

Create and begin implementing a plan to create year-round rental housing. Adopt the Housing Summit Report and establish concrete goals.

- Develop strategies to increase our year round population as measured by local census.
- Investigate the creation of a community housing investment fund that would be presented to Town Meeting voters.

- Bring a Zoning Bylaw revision to Town Meeting in spring 2015 to allow accessory units in the Res 1 zone that will be guaranteed as year round rental housing for at least 10 years.

Investigate redevelopment of the Governor Bradford School and VFW sites for the benefit of community housing including incomes from 80% to 110% AMI and secure funds as required to complete the project.

Capital Improvements and Infrastructure

Continue the paving of Commercial Street and the implementation of the Town-wide Paving Management Plan.

Continue to work with the Cape Cod Commission traffic engineers to review the completed traffic study analysis on Shank Painter Road and determine what infrastructure and capital improvements are required to improve access and safety for pedestrian and bike traffic as residential units are developed within the Shank Painter area.

Conduct an overall traffic flow study of Provincetown.

Reducing unaccounted-for water by continuing with the leak detection and removal program that reduces water lost in the system with a goal of achieving 10% or less unaccounted-for water by 2015.

Continue Storm Drain Repairs/Storm Water Run-Off/Harbor and Beach Management Plan. Special consideration should be paid to identifying solutions or alternatives to the Ryder Street Extension outfall pipe. Continue the pursuit of grants and other funding mechanisms in order to continue the process of completing these important drain rehabilitation projects each year.

Government and Administration

Recruit and hire a Town Manager and lead efforts to make the new Town Manager successful. Support efforts to amend the Charter to change the residency requirement for senior staff.

Support and encourage Sustainable Energy Generation:

- Support and encourage the Historic District Commission to increase green energy generation and to increase energy self-sufficiency through the appropriate deployment of solar and wind generation.
- Seek revision of Zoning Bylaws as required to allow for appropriate Solar and Wind generation in all Town districts.

- Recruit Historic District Commission (HDC) members to fill HDC vacancies who are sympathetic to the importance of local generation of green energy.
- Initiate a study of ways to use Town owned buildings and land for solar and renewable energy projects of all kinds, including the Route 6 corridor.

Work with the Department of Community Development to create a more effective and efficient environment for regulatory transactions between businesses and the Town and Town related boards. As an example encourage renewals rather than reapplication for licenses, properly incent self-regulation.

Develop and implement a systematic process to grant and administer all Town concessions (i.e trolley, map distribution, farmers market, etc.) as well as other nongovernmental organizations use of Town owned property.

Community Policing

- Re-establish community policing and institute community government in our town. Each department head would hold regular monthly meetings to build a relationship between community and government to address community issues. By re-establishing and implementing strategies such as the community policing committee along with open communication with the public, we can avoid misconduct and wrongdoing ahead of time and take proactive steps to eliminate it when it occurs. We need public oversight and transparency for the people to regain the trust of Town officials and employees again. Community policing allows the public to have a voice in their community.
- Work with the new Town Manager to hire a new Police Chief committed to community policing through effective partnerships with residents, businesses, employees and visitors.

Encourage increased turnout at Town Meeting

- Evaluate electronic voting
- Evaluate a 'consent agenda' approach to routine articles
- Prepare a plan to use alternative seating for Town Meeting Voters
- Increase publicity of Town Meeting

Economic Development, Tourism and Year Round Economy

Initiate an update of the Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP).

Foster and support initiatives, including taxes, and fees that encourage a year round economy.

Conduct a Traffic and Parking Study. Seek funds from grants or a Town Meeting appropriation to create a thorough, town-wide plan for future parking needs, road and traffic flow improvements. Included in this plan should be a series of recommendations for better integrating bicycles into our roadways, especially as it relates to connections to the Cape

Cod National Seashore and Cape Cod rail trails.

Economic Development of the Harbor. Work with Boards to study the possible expanded uses of Provincetown Harbor for passive and active economic development through aquaculture and enhanced facilities for mariners of all kinds as well as a full marketing plan to eventually encourage more visitors to arrive via private vessels.

Create a Town-wide Bicycle Master Plan. Continue to pursue Provincetown as a bicycle-friendly destination by the following actions:

- Creating a public awareness and safety campaign
- Implementing bicycle improvements and amenities throughout Town
- Connecting bike paths with Truro

Plan for the 2020 Celebration:

- Work to immediately establish a leadership structure and timeline for planning and executing a major opportunity to promote Provincetown to the world for the 2020 celebration.
- A list of improvements necessary to Town facilities should be created, and a clear plan should be established on how to move forward.
- Potential key partners, such as the Town of Plymouth, private ferry and ground transportation operators, and other regional partners should be brought in early to find ways to collaborate with Plymouth's celebration and transport the public frequently and easily between the two communities.

Cape Cod National Seashore

- Continue to work in partnership with the CCNS to develop and expand bicycle lanes, trails and connections between the Seashore and Town.
- Encourage the CCNS to utilize local workers for upcoming projects. Prepare and submit local preferential work authorization requirements to the NPS/CCNS.

Seek the Establishment of the Stellwagen Bank Marine Sanctuary, Visitor Center in Provincetown.

Support efforts to restore the Bas Relief and to support completion of Fisherman's Memorial sculpture and AIDS Memorial.

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