

Provincetown Cultural Council

July 14, 2014 6:00pm

Provincetown Town Hall

Present: Grace Ryder-O'Malley (chair), Judy Cicero, Robert Speiser, Francine D'Olimpio, Brian O'Malley (clerk) and Donald Whitcomb.

Excused: Cherie Mittenthal, Bragan Thomas

The Council met with the Board of Selectmen, who approved our request for a sign at the site of the AIDS Memorial. A logo design by D'Olympio was well-received, and along with some identification of the Provincetown AIDS Memorial, and the website, will constitute the sign.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by O'Malley, second Cicero, Bragan Thomas was unanimously appointed to the Cultural Council.

We reviewed the unique appointment process for local cultural councils. Under MCC rules, the local councils are the appointing authority, but only after individuals have been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Speiser, who is our liaison to the Charter Review Committee, will draft some language to codify this process.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council has indicated that for this year's grant cycle, they will accept online applications for the first time- but not require them. We will receive these applications as a PDF panel book by November 1.

The minutes of June 16, 2014 were approved. After discussion, we voted to amend the language we will use concerning the size of the memorial, and in particular, the specification of cubic feet, to "...scale appropriate to the site." No change in the allowed 12 x 12 foot area limit was made.

Town Counsel's written advice to us makes clear that under MGL, technical proposals for the project, when these come, should be reviewed before price proposals, and that price must be separately considered only when the most responsive proposals have been selected.

We discussed fundraising for the Memorial. Cicero indicates that we can set up an informational table in front of Town Hall, and solicit contributions. The new logo will be made into buttons, for contributors. Conversations have already identified promoters who will support this drive through events. We hope to meet with potential promoters next month.

A website – www.ProvincetownAIDSmemorial.org - has been established by Ryder-O'Malley. We believe that using PayPal for donations, will allow funding to go directly from them to the gift fund. The Chair will discuss this with the town's Finance Director.

Whitcomb presented two extensive packets of background material related to the Whitcomb family history, some of it very involved with Provincetown. He hoped that it might relate to efforts to define a Cultural District. But it was noted that the PCC has recently determined that we would not pursue the Cultural District application at this time. He was thanked for his efforts, and the materials will be filed along with other resources and references relating to cultural districts.

Next meeting set for Monday August 11 at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm