

## CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - Minutes of the Public Hearing on June 16, 2016

Meeting held in the Judge Welsh Room in Town Hall

Present: Judith Cicero, Tom Coen, Michelle Crone DeMarco, Steve Katsurinis, Julia Perry, Robert Vetrick, Elizabeth Williams

Absent excused: Marcy Feller, Robert Speiser

The Pre-Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:40. The Pre-Meeting was an opportunity for the members of the Charter Commission to review the format and agenda for the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5 pm.

First the slide presentation was shown, with comments by Julia Perry and supplementary comments by other Commission members.

Then the Hearing was turned over to the Facilitator, Michelle Crone-DeMarco. She had the members of the Public who were in attendance introduce themselves and tell why they had come.

Then Michelle asked them to identify their main concerns. Tom Coen took notes on the flip chart. The listed issues were:

- the need to modernize the language
- the need to recognize use of email and the Town website
- the need for a more direct discussion with the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, with one person suggesting a monthly public meeting with the Town Manager
- the need for simpler bureaucratic processes
- the need for clear channels
- the need for better access to Town officials
- the need to have "non-attorney" language
- the need to address overlaps between the Charter and the By-Laws - including conflicts and redundancy

Then Michelle asked them how we could better get the word out about what the Charter Commission is doing and draw more people to future Public Hearings. The replies were:

- an article in the Banner
- PTV
- WOMR
- WCAI public radio (Woods Hole)
- general marketing

Finally, the Chair asked if there were special interest groups the Commission should reach out to. Mentioned were:

- Provincetown 365
- Second Homeowners
- Provincetown Business Guild
- Tourism Office
- Chamber of Commerce
- the COA
- Seashore Point
- the School system.

The Hearing concluded at 6 pm.