

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2016

Meeting held in the Judge Welsh Room of Town Hall

Present: Judith Cicero, Tom Coen, Michelle Crone-DeMarco, Marcy Feller, Julia Perry, Robert Speiser, Robert Vetrick, Elizabeth Williams

Absent Excused: Steve Katsurinis

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:05 pm.

1. Public Statements - statement from John DiSousa read into the record. Commission Members were reminded to encourage the Public to come to meetings to make statements or to submit comments that will be read into the Record if the commenter is named. No anonymous comments will be accepted.
2. Members reviewed past issues to discuss next steps:
 - a. Term limits and residency requirements: Robert Speiser will propose language.
 - b. Organization of Charter re Boards: Robert Speiser will propose.
 - c. Description of DPW director roles: Julia Perry
 - d. Description of Finance director role: Tom Coen
 - e. Appeal process: Steve Katsurinis
 - f. Training for Committee chairs: Julia Perry to discuss at future meeting.
3. Minutes for August 29 accepted.
4. Judith Cicero and Michelle Crone DeMarco shared proposed letter to the members of the Board of Selectmen, which the Commission approved.
- 5.
6. The Chair asked Tom Coen to share his progress with the Financial timeline issue. Tom's proposal addresses the budget process and when the Warrant closes for Town Meeting. The Commission discussed whether this process should be presented to the Public in a future Forum.
- 7.
8. Tom also presented a proposal regarding the appointment of the Finance Committee - which would involve a multi-person Committee made up of the Moderator, the Chair of the Board of Selectmen, and the Chair of the School Committee, which was vigorously discussed.
- 9.

10. Tom also discussed the need to address members of the Finance Committee who have multiple unexcused absences, perhaps allowing the majority of other members to vote them off the Committee. He proposed that this be applied to Boards in general.
11. Commission will be meeting every other week through September for two hours. Meeting starting in October every week for an hour and a half.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:50.