

CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2016

Meeting held in the Judge Welsh Room of Town Hall

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

Absent Excused: Marcy Feller, Steve Katsurinis, Robert Vetrick

The Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:15 pm.

1. Public Statements - none.
2. Commission discussed the Pier Corporation and Shellfish Committee - Julia Perry proposed that they both be included in Chapter 8, rather than in the proposed Chapter for Town Boards because they are entities of State law and the Act creating the Pier Corporation states that it is not a Town Board.
3. The other "non-Board Board" is the Board of Fire Engineers. The Charter needs to be clear that the Board of Fire Engineers is not a Town Board subject to the rules for Town Boards.
4. The next Public Forum - to present the proposed annual Financial timeline - is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, from 6-7 pm. Coffee and brownies or pastries will be offered. The Commission agreed to publish notice in the Banner and create a card to hand out.
5. Julia Perry shared a draft of Behavior Guidelines for Chairs - as previously discussed - addressing such items as the Open Meeting laws and equal and non-derogatory treatment of members and the public. The Commission discussed whether there is a need for some process to address abuses - potential options would include an Ombudsperson or the Charter Enforcement Commission.
6. Minutes for October 3, 2016, accepted.
7. Commission will be meeting every Monday, but not the Monday after Christmas or the Monday after New Year's because they are legal holidays and Town Hall will be closed.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:20.