

## CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2017

Meeting held in the Judge Welsh Room, Town Hall

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

Absent Excused: Marcy Feller

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

1. Public Statements - none.
2. Julia Perry distributed a first redraft of the Charter for discussion.
3. The Commission discussed the following issues from the draft Charter:
  - a. Board of Selectmen versus Select Board.
  - b. Investigative powers of the Board of Selectmen - shouldn't be based on oral, anonymous complaints. Criminal matters should be turned over to Police/State's Attorney. Need to have review by Counsel before posting reports on Town website. Need to identify sanctions for finding of violation.
  - c. Discussion of process for identifying an Acting Town Manager.
  - d. Town Board Officers - election of shall be reported to Town Clerk.
  - e. Independence of regulatory boards - election versus identified authority.
4. Commission continued discussion of interviews of the Board of Selectmen members, who expressed:
  - a. Need for more participation by voters.
  - b. Concern with workload.
  - c. Don't think transparency is a problem.
  - d. Need to delegate certain questions brought to them to be referred to experts on Town Staff.
  - e. Should the number of members be reduced to three.

- f. Need a mechanism to merge or abolish Town Boards.
  - g. Wanting more time to educate public about articles on Warrant for Town Meeting.
  - h. Believes Moderator should be neutral and not express a political opinion on Warrant articles.
  - i. Employment packages should include a housing option.
  - j. Need to address interaction of regulatory boards with the public.
  - k. Need to use consent agenda to expedite Town Meeting.
- 5. Further discussion of need for Personnel expertise.
  - 6. Review of Town Staff organization chart.
  - 6. Public Forum originally scheduled for December 14 postponed to Tuesday, January 31, from 5 to 7 pm.

Minutes for December 19, 2016, were accepted.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:00.