

**Animal Welfare Committee Meeting June 15, 2017, 12-00pm, at the COA/VMCC, 2
Mayflower Street, Provincetown, MA**

Attending were: Brec, Murphy, MacDonlad, Excused Brooke, Jutsum
RuthAnne Cowing, Provincetown ACO

Public: Marsh Sirota

No public comments

1. The minutes of 5/18/17 were approved.
2. RuthAnne noted that she has had increased calls about people feeding the foxes. Coyotes still at B-Street Garden. She is also now a Certified Animal Control Officer, which entailed a certified course, which she completed, conducted in Western Mass, over many weeks.
3. Jeffrey had submitted the PSAs that we agreed on prior to go out. Baby birds, turtles, and Piping Plover
4. We discussed our input for the Charter Commission (Attachment I). Sherry to send to Julia Perry.
5. We cancelled the August meeting due to Carnival Parade, and various Committee members prior engagements around this.
6. Next meeting 7/20/17.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45. pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Brec
Clerk pro tempore

Attachment I

To the Chairs of Town Boards:

The Charter Commission held a Roundtable with the Town Boards on May 15. Thank you to those Boards that attended. To those Boards that were unable to send anyone, we wanted to share some information with you.

There are 44 Town Boards with 265 total positions. There are 190 people currently serving on Town Boards (including 2 from Truro who are on the Water and Sewer Board) - 29 of the 190 are serving on more than one Board, 18 on 2, 11 on 3. So 190 people are filling 230 positions. How do we fill the current vacancies? How do we fill future vacancies as people step down?

1. One option is to abolish term limits. Do we do that for all Boards or only for non-regulatory Boards? Is it balanced by giving the Appointing Authority the right to remove appointed members who are obstructive? *We would like to see term limits abolished. There are so many people that sit on the Boards that have a wealth of knowledge, garnered over the years. We have a problem about how the term "obstructive" is defined, therefore, we do not agree with the right of the Appointing Authority to remove a member.*

2. One option is to allow residents who are not registered voters in Provincetown to serve on appointed Boards. Do we need to insure that they are not the majority? Should waiver of the requirement that Board members be registered voters be up to the Appointing Authority? *We do not agree that non-registered voters should serve on appointed Boards. While we are sure that many non-registered voters are probably very well qualified, they cannot vote at Town Meeting, when a lot of hard hitting issues can come up. We understand that their input can be enlightening, but, that same input can be given to Board members, i.e.. an email, etc, voice communication, etc.*

3. One option is to merge related Boards. Options include:

- Open Space and Conservation
- Recreation and Bicycle
- Historical and Art
- Other?

Should this be solely within the power of the Appointing Authority? *We do not agree to merge "related" Boards. There are people on smaller Boards that prefer to stay that way. If those members were merged into larger Boards, the time commitment, as well as focus, may be too much. Any member can join another Board, if they so desire. Also, a member of one Board can attend another Board's meeting, and speak on behalf of their Board (if it was sanctioned in their prior meeting), or just to glean information.*

Your input on these issues would be appreciated.