

Visitors Services Board Meeting Provincetown, Ma.

11 Feb. 2003

Meeting opened at 11AM.

Members Present: Steve Melamed - Chair, Michael Vanbelle, Pasquale Natale absent, Rose Basile, Peter Betz, Barbara Rushmore.

Keith Bergman (Town Manager) reported to the VSB. The purpose of his visit was to discuss the acquisition of \$200,000 of VSB "funds from adjusted 1999 budget" (hereafter FFAB).--, The town has had unexpected expenses most prominent of which is the Manor shortfall of \$575,000. Mr. Bergman stated that he will try to payback the amount. He stated "my mission is to get the town out of the Manor and still maintain service." No bids were made by vendors for a new Manor due to Medicaid cuts.

A number of comments were made by various board members: Barbara Rushmore, "We are here to protest the removal of OCA funds. What happens next year? The town should vote on all budget items. The town should hire only one new policeman."

Steve Melamed, "The town should focus on planning the use of the \$200,000."

Key: For, Against, Absent, Recused. Moved, seconded and voted:

Motion "The use of FFAB funds for budget items 231, 482 and 210 is against the recommendation of the VSB". Passed 5-0-1-0.

Motion "If taken, the FFAB funds are to be considered a onetime event and are expected to be repaid". Passed 5-0-1-0.

John O'Neill reported on Cabaret Fest. He was here to thank the board for their support. It is much appreciated by the artists and the public. He gets queries daily concerning whether Ptown is a good place for artists.

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.