

Minutes: Visitor Services Board- June 2, 1999

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Meeting called to order 11 a.m. Members present: Kay Halle, Barbara Rushmore, Steve Melamed, Francis Santos, Mike Wright, Hunter O'Hanian. Also present: Steve Lyons.

1. The minutes of April 23 were read and approved. Motion Steve M. Second Mike Wright.
2. Reorganization. The Board voted to recognize as co-chairs Kay Halle and Steve Melamed.
3. Kay reported on the first round of interviews for the tourist coordinator. Members of the Board expressed an interest to be present at the interviews. Kay stated that this was a Town hiring process and that the Board had been represented at the interviews and the screening of the applicants by her, Members asked Kay to request that they be present at the final round of interviews.
4. Funding recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board members had been given a packet of requests in advance of the meeting and the review process resulted in the following decisions by the Board:
 - Schoolhouse Gallery - It was agreed that the request does not fit the Guidelines for Funding established by the VSB and approved by the BOS. The Board will send a letter to the applicant explaining this.
 - Heritage Museum - It was agreed that this specific request does not fit the Guidelines. The Board will send a letter to the applicant explaining this.
 - Wordworks - This request did not include a request for money. We agreed to write a letter to the applicant that we like the idea, that we don't want it to be a fundraiser for the Tourism Fund however.
 - Cape Cod Pride - The Board voted to send a letter to the committee stating that in order to review this proposal, the Board needs more specific details.
 - Arts Commission - rec. Grant of \$551. As requested
 - PIAI - rec. Grant of \$2,500. As requested for one year
 - Holly Folly- rec. Grant of \$5,000.
 - Provincetown Business Guild - voted to send this back to the Guild and request that they provide more specific information about the web development and send a representative to meet with the Visitor Services Board. The Board agreed that with more information, we could look favorably on this proposal
 - Millenium - The Board agreed that helping to fund Millenium week in Provincetown is an appropriate use of the Tourism Fund. We would like the proposal to reflect more specifics. We voted in spirit to fund up to \$10,000 for this proposal, but have tabled the discussion under more detail is forthcoming.
 - Fall Arts Festival - recommend funding of \$20,000.
5. Fireworks - the Board of Selectmen have approved an additional \$10,000 to be expended on fireworks July 4, 1999. The BOS asked for our support. The Board voted on a motion that we take no action on this request as the Board of Selectmen have already taken the vote and circumvented the process. Motion by Hunter, second by Mike 3-3 vote.
 - All agreed that the Town needs the Fireworks celebration. An additional 10,000 out of the municipal segment, in addition to the \$14,000 plus for trash and barrel and the bathrooms at the high school nearly wipes it out.Discussion postponed until next weeks meeting when the Municipal recommendations will be taken up.
Meeting adjourned.