

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Michele Couture convened the meeting at 6:03 PM noting the following Board of Selectmen attending: Michele Couture, Mary-Jo Avellar, Austin Knight, Elaine Anderson, David Bedard

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Municipal Finance Director Alix Heilala

Recorder: Vernon G. Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

1A NSTAR – UPDATE

NSTAR Attendees: Manager of Operations Doug Foley, Lead Engineer John Gomber and Community Relations & Economic Development Specialists Jeff Luce

Doug Foley discussed the System Improvements and Ongoing/Future Projects such as: 200 poles and main feeds coming into Provincetown. Size of wires coming into Provincetown. On Bradford added 'tie switch' which gave the added capability of remote control switching. Added a regulator on the East end of town. Identified neighborhoods where there is a lot of corrosion, and in the process of doing direction drilling to replace the transformers. Also been doing a circuit by circuit walk-down of pole by pole. Over all for 2008 we feel that things have been doing very good in Provincetown. There have some sporadic outages due to squirrels, birds, etc., and some transformer issues during the summer.

Michele Couture – what can NSTAR do to fix things in a faster way when power is interrupted – for whatever reason? Answer: We now have sectionalizers (similar to circuit breakers) that help with this. Once they are activated three different times if that doesn't work, then a maintenance person is sent to fix the problem.

Mary-Jo Avellar – Where I live on the corner of Bradford Street and Winslow Street the power constantly fails, and I cannot get any answers. Why isn't there redundancy built in your system? What can you do for people who have cell phones? In this town we have the highest number of elderly people, etc. Also, I cannot read your bills.

Doug Foley – We are working on new ways of servicing this area, and will present our proposals soon. Also there is a critical care form that can be filled out by the elderly.

Michele Couture – We thank you for coming tonight, and if there is any way we can help we want to you to let us know.

Jeff Luce – When I get back to the office tomorrow, I will find out why and how we can work with cell phones. However, I would highly suggest that everyone have a hard wired phone in their home, especially in case of any emergency. If power was to fail for an extended amount of time, the only way to communicate is with a hard wired phone. Vernon and I will communicate via email, and he can get the information to you.

Elaine Anderson - Regarding rates, I did read my bill and it mentioned about 'green' – will that mean that my bill will be less? Answer: No. Green cost you more at this time.

What about generators? Answer: We cannot supply them. You have to acquire on your own.

Austin Knight - I see a tremendous amount of tree growth around wire. Answer – I notice this on my way down to Provincetown today. We will have our arborist visit this area and plan on taking care of this.

Jerome Smith Parking Lot Move - Kathleen White is the person who is in charge of handling this for you.

2. PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None

3. SELECTMEN STATEMENTS

Elaine Anderson

Received an email from Nick Ryan related to rental certificates. This has been referred to the Board of Health.

Austin Knight

Our Fire Department did an excellent job at the Memorial Services.

Send a sympathy card to widow of Clem Silva.

My personal thanks to the Provincetown Rescue Squad for their help last Saturday in response to my reaction.

Mary-Jo Avellar - None

David Bedard

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to send a thank you note to the Finance Committee for an excellent job they did this summer.*

Motion by: David Bedard **Seconded by:** Austin Knight
Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Mary-Jo Avellar)

Michele Couture

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to contact our neighbors in Truro and Wellfleet and see what we can do to regionalize some of our services.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

We need to get out as much information as possible during the month of October on the Town Hall Move.

Route 6 – CCNS – project. Where are we with it? Sharon Lynn – Report of number of accidents? We have not had the report from the Seashore as of yet.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to request our Congressmen Delegation to hold the funds earmarked for the Route 6 Project proposed by the Cape Cod National Seashore.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

Shank Painter Land Bank Funds – Are still there. And the grant was for the land acquisition. Will look into paying it off without having any penalties. A written report will be forthcoming.

What about a Five Year Fiscal policy plan? Answer: Once we see where we are with Town Hall Renovations we can document this plan . It will likely be the end of the year.

4. APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint David McGlothlin as the Provincetown Business Guild's Representative on the Historic District Commission with a term expiration date of December 31, 2009.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

5A AGREEMENT TO RELOCATE EASEMENT

American Legion, Morris Light Post #71

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the "Agreement to Relocate Easement" between the Morris Light Post #71, American Legion, 33A Conwell Street, Provincetown, MA and the Town of Provincetown, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA, and as approved to form by Attorney Laura H. Pawle of Town Counsel Kopelman & Paige.*

Motion by: Michele Couture **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

5B MCDBG GRANT CLOSE-OUTS

CDF 2004, CDF 2005, CDF 2006

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to close out the following grants under the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant program: Community Development Fund 2004, Community Development Fund 2005, and Community Development Fund 2006.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

5C1 PLACEMENT OF PROPERTY SIGNS

Shank Painter Pond, Whistle Path Woods, Curtis Property, and Nicky's Park.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the Open Space Committee and the Conservation Commission to jointly install five (5) property signs and four (4) educational interpretive signs at the Shank Painter Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Nicky's Park, Whistle Path Woods, and The Curtis Property.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

5C2A BARNSTABLE COUNTY LAND GRANT PROGRAM

Shank Painter Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the execution of grant application for a FY '09 Barnstable Land Management Grant Program Application in the amount of \$5,750 for continued restoration of The Shank Painter Pond Wildlife Sanctuary.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

5C2B N.E. GRASSROOTS ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Citizen Environmental Stewards Program

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the application of a grant to the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund, Montpelier, VT in the amount of \$2,300.00 to establish an Environmental Stewards Program to aid in implementing the Town of Provincetown's Open Space and Recreation Plan, and to help work with the Conservation Commission.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to take Agenda Item 6A out of order.*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

6A PAMET LENS OVERSIGHT GROUP – UPDATE

Cathy Meads Member of PLOG and Scott Michaud, Hydrologist & Project Manager from the Cape Cod Commission presented map of the Watershed Management Plan.

Open discussion ensued. After this Board absorbs the Watershed Management Report a meeting will be scheduled with the Truro Board of Selectmen. No motions made.

Next PLOG meeting is scheduled for 9 AM on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at Truro Town Hall.

5D1 TREASURER'S TRANSFER

Library Building Gift Fund

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Library Building Gift Funds, pursuant to MGL C44 § 53A, to approve the use of \$9,402.50 from the Library Building & Gift Fund to pay for the attached invoice(s).*

Motion by: David Bedard **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

5D2 TREASURER'S TRANSFER

Library Building Gift Fund - Landscaping

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, as Commissioners of the Library Building Gift Funds, pursuant to MGL C44 § 53A, to approve the use of \$3,000.00 from the Library Building & Gift Fund ~ Landscaping to pay for the attached invoice(s).*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

5E **PROCLAMATION**

United Nations Association of Greater Boston

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the request of Richard Golob, President of the United Nations Association of Greater Boston, 44-46 Temple Place, Boston, MA to proclaim October 24, 2008, as “Untied Nations Day”, in the Town of Provincetown.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

6B **TEMPORARY TOWN HALL**

Modular Building – Award Contract

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute a contract in the amount of \$375,000 with William Scotsman, Inc., of 48 Dick Tracy Drive, Pelham, New Hampshire, as the low bidder, for the lease of modular office building for the temporary relocation of Town Hall to the Jerome Smith Parking Lot.*

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

6C **90 SHANK PAINTER ROAD**

Notice of Activity and Use Limitations

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the final version of Form 1075 - Activity and Use Limitation (M.G.L. c. 21E, & 6 and 310 CMR 40.0000), for 90 Shank Painter Road, Provincetown, DEP Release Tracking No: 4-19681 as prepared by Environmental Partners Group, and approved as to form by Town Counsel Kopelman & Paige.*

Motion by: Elaine Anderson **Seconded by:** Austin Knight Yea 5 Nay 0

6D **TOWN MANAGER FOLLOW-UP / OTHER**

Nothing else at this time.

6D1 **EASEMENT – 33A COURT STREET**

Grant Access Easement Over 33A Court Street – Drysdale/Patrick

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a twenty-foot access easement at a Location to be shown on a sketch plan prepared and approved by the Department of Public Works, across Town-owned property located at 33A Court Street be granted to Joan M. Drysdale, to benefit property located at 35 Court Street and owned by Joan M. Drysdale as successor in interest to John R. Patrick.*

Motion by: Mary-Jo Avellar **Seconded by:** David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

7. **MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S MEETINGS**

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of June 30, 2008 (Public Hearings) with changes so noted.*

Motion by: David Bedard **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson
Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (Mary-Jo Avellar)

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the minutes of August 25, 2008 (Regular Mtg.) as printed.*

Motion by: David Bedard **Seconded by:** Elaine Anderson Yea 5 Nay 0

