

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

PUBLIC FORUM MEETING – OCTOBER 29, 2001

JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman, Betty Steele-Jeffers opened the meeting 6:30 PM noting the following attendees:

Board of Selectmen members: Elizabeth Steele-Jeffers, Mary-Jo Avellar, Cheryl Andrews, David Atkinson and Michele Couture.

Other attendees: Keith Bergman – Town Manager, Mark Latour – Assistant Manager

Recorder: Vernon Porter - Secretary to Board of Selectmen

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

1 PUBLIC FORUM SPEAKERS

Chairman Betty Steele-Jeffers open the meeting by mentioned that this is the first of an on going public forum – a time for the public to bring forward concerns that they may have. This is not a decision-making meeting and members of the board will not make motions. If things need to go to department heads we will make those decisions. We will be glad to hear your concerns and have an exchange with you.

Open to the Public

Barbara Rushmore

Sorry to hear Water Superintendent is leaving.

Water Rates still too high.

No acting Tree Warden.

Chapter 91 – Need line redrawn and support from town government.

Peep show – we should not listen to the lawyers – we can put a by-law together that will work for us that will allow us to have theatre with nudity.

Smoking in restaurants – shame on our town for not banning smoking in Restaurants and Bars the way other town on the Cape have.

Visitor Services Board – interested in what is happening to businesses in Provincetown – what will happen in the future – especially with what has happened since the World Trade Center disaster. We are asking what sort of economic climate indicators we can investigate so that we can tell with some degree of assurance how we can work to improve this.

Comments by Betty Steele-Jeffers - In relation to the Chapter 91 we discussed this matter at our last week as so many people had commented about the unfairness of it.

Cheryl Andrews - We need more background work for us. (*Attend Harbor Committee meeting with DEP on Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 5 PM*)

Mary-Jo Avellar - This is going to be a nightmare for us. We need a full time liaison assigned to Chapter 91.

Robert O'Malley

Chapter 91 – one of the main issues. A group of 50 waterfront homeowners met about a month ago and formed a steering committee and had two subsequent meetings. There is extreme frustration among waterfront homeowners because Chapter 91 process has evolved from something quite different than it was 10 years ago. We don't like the way the State is extorting money and creating unreasonable demands from waterfront owners – and they are doing it in the name of the harbor plan and is saying that this is the plan

that we adopted. We feel that the plan has to be revisited. We all voted for it and some members of the Harbor Committee have admitted that they did not know what was in the harbor plan. That is the direction we are moving in for the November 15th meeting with DEP.

Sewer issue –24 Commercial St. – Mr. Piore. The matter is settled now but the main point is that he was not notified. Three other property owners were not notified – and it was just because I was aware of what was happening that their issues were resolved. Statue says there were to be notified by Certified Mail – where are the green cards. Mr. Piore’s issue has been outstanding, in writing, for more than 60 days now and we still have not had a response. I think that Mr. Piore deserves a direct response to a simple question on sewer. The process has been thoroughly flawed. I’ve handle four properties in the sewer district and all four of them were not notified. (145/147/139/294A Commercial Street) Betty Steele-Jeffers – Do we keep those green cards Mark? Answer: Yes, those were sent to people inside the sewer district.

Conservation Commission - is totally frightening and out of control. We need reasonable people who are fair and even handed manner. We need a Health Agent that is going to be here at least 3 days a week. There is not adequate coverage now. Fortunately we have a very good secretary now but we’re lucky if we have a health agent on Friday.

Cheryl Andrews - In response to the Conservation Commission – do you have a particular case in mind? If would give me particulars, I will be happy to look into the case and respond to you.

Rex McKinsey - Roger Dias has been assigned as the liaison to Chapter 91.

Carla Anderson - Chapter 91 - Glad to see the town working together for the future of our harbor. What we do in the next ten years will affect us for the next century.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

- Anne Howard - Presented the Board of Selectmen with a Disclosure of Financial Interest relative to her working as an employee of the contractor who built the house and proposed the original site plan at 428 Commercial Street. She disclosed that she was not a member of the Planning Board at that time. Further that the plan coming before the Planning Board on November 7 and 28, 2001, is necessary to reconfigure the original approved parking spaces.

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to find that the financial interest of Anne Howard is so substantial as to not permit the Board of Selectmen to approve a waiver of the Conflict of Interest Law.

Motion by: Cheryl Andrews Seconded by: Mary-Jo Avellar Yea 5 Nay 0

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT

Chief of Police

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to Charter section 7-2-5, clause (f), to approve the appointment of Captain Schuyler "Ted" Meyer of the Richardson (Texas) Police Department as Chief of Police of the Town of Provincetown.

Motion by: David Atkinson Seconded by: Cheryl Andrews Yea 5 Nay 0

Motion to adjourn by Michele Couture 7:55 P.M.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary
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