



Provincetown School Committee Meeting

**PROVINCETOWN HIGH SCHOOL
ELMER I. SILVA LEARNING CENTER
12 Winslow Street
PROVINCETOWN, MA 02657**

**Tuesday
February 27, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present: Kerry Adams, Cass Benson, Jamie Kryszkiewicz,
Shannon Patrick, and Lory Stewart.**

Member Absent: none

Staff: Dr. Beth Singer, Superintendent

AGENDA

Public Comments

There were none.

Minutes:

January 17, 2012

Motion: Move to accept the minutes of the January 17th meeting as amended.

Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Cass Benson Vote: 5-0-0.

January 24, 2012

Motion: Move to accept the minutes of the January 24th meeting as written.

**Motion: Kerry Adams Seconded: Cass Benson
Vote: 4-0-1 ab (SP)**

Superintendent's Update:

▪ Grace Parking Lot Meeting

Dr. Singer said that she had gone to a Board of Selectmen's (BoS) meeting to hear recommendations regarding improving the Grace Hall parking lot. They are primarily talking about taking out the booths at either end which would make access faster, etc. The booths would be replaced by automated paying with credit cards or cash. Instead of having employees in the booths dealing with money – there would be employees walking around and helping people and they would be called Ambassadors. Also, the machines would be able to tell when lots are full. It's not so much a reduction in personnel but more user-friendly. The BoS did not vote on this. Eventually it will come to the Provincetown School Committee (PSC).

Beth said – in response to some queries from the PSC - we can't manage the parking lot - we don't have the resources. Unless it's the school parking only but most of the parking is in the summer - so that's why the town manages it. Cass said it's probably \$250,000/annual intake. Cass said it would be nice to see that number when we meet with the BoS or the FinCom. The actual income from the parking lot would also have to take into consideration the cost of maintenance and personnel.

Kerry suggested - if the DPW can just redo the arrows to direct the people. Cass didn't realize that there was a shortcut and she'd like yet more speed bumps installed.

▪ Public Hearing –CPC

Community Preservation Funds (CPA)

There was a meeting held last Tuesday in order to gain public input on applications for the CPA funds. The Provincetown Public Schools request was for the School Playground in the amount of \$74,912. There was a representative from the Recreation Department who also spoke in favor of the playground application. We were given \$35,000 towards the playground.

▪ C.I.P

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Dr. Singer has been meeting with the FinCom and Town Manager on the CIP plan. She handed out a 3-year draft which just marks things that need to be done in the future. The first priority for FY13 is for the fencing for both buildings. Also the DPW is working on a plan to do with both the fencing and the trees. We also need the storm drain installation but this would come

out of another fund for storm remediation. We might ask for the pointing to the exterior of the building but before that happens we need to have someone come and study what needs to be done. A discussion about pointing and the amounts have been combined and it's likely that it will happen this summer. The FinCom was very committed to fixing this building as a priority. They felt that landscaping and playgrounds could wait. Cass asked - so the money from the CPA fund is for FY14 – Ans: Yes, but what Tom Coen told her is that we wouldn't lose that amount. The fiscal year runs from July to July.

So in year 2 is the playground. We have to grade, get equipment, etc. \$150,000 is phase 1 of fixing the heating system which includes isolating furnace tasks such as one furnace being designated for all hot water and one furnace designated for the original building and another furnace for the rest of the building.

Phase 2 would be to replace the oil burning system with propane which is much more efficient and would save a lot of money. Reducing energy use would help the town to meet it's "green" requirements. Year 3 would also include the front lawn and the back lot.

The only thing that isn't on here that was on the original list is the kitchen floor. We're going to try to clean it industrially. Beth has had a few kitchen floor people in and they didn't want to handle it – one reason is you can't move the equipment which is bolted to the floor. If stripping and cleaning don't work, we will return to looking for a replacement.

▪ **VMES- Mechanical Assessment Report**

Dave Mitchell of Rise Engineering did a study of the HVAC needs of the VMES complex. Because of the children, a higher standard of air is needed; the separate boiler room will be located in the gym area and provide the heat and air needed for the school portion of the building.

Cass said that the CIP budget has everyone on board. The FinCom paid for this study and the town is ready to go.

The Recreation Department will supervise the gym and they'll be scheduling the usage for outside people. There was a bit of conversation about how the Rec program in the summer used to walk to the beach but now sometimes they go to Corn Hill by bus.

Community Education

Beth reports that community education has had a very successful first year. Beth thinks that we've had a good financial result also. We have a \$6,000 balance and will pay our teachers and then we should have about \$3,900 towards next year. Jamie said that it updates people as to what is being done by the schools. Also Beth said that she has been meeting people. Next year we may want to do a second round. Some things didn't happen this year but Melanie Braverman did a great job.

Unfinished Business:

Tuition Agreements

Nauset Regional Tuition Agreement

We received the best and final offer. Beth and Lory Stewart negotiated \$1,063 difference from the original figure and it's for a two year agreement. Unfortunately it still includes \$50 for their CIP and Lory really hammered away at that. The CIP negotiation wasn't going to go anywhere and it was one of those things where we said – O.K., we'll pay the \$50. It was John Porteus from Wellfleet who did see our point and they understood where we were coming from.

Beth said that she recommends that the PSC pursue two tuition agreements and work on Monomoy now but we're really thinking for 2 years yonder when it's built.

Cass asked, "Can we have two agreements at the same time?" Ans: Yes, it's doable. Beth received word from Christina M. Lynch from the Massachusetts Education group that we may have more than one agreement. The Cape Cod Tech bus comes to town every day, maybe we can join that. Beth has prices for what a bus would be, also.

Motion: Move to accept the 2 year tuition agreement with Nauset Regional.

Motion: Lory Stewart Seconded: Kerry Adams Vote: 5-0-0.

Motion: Move to ask Dr. Singer to pursue a tuition agreement with Monomoy.

Motion: Lory Stewart Seconded: Kerry Adams Vote: 5-0-0.

After the above two motions concluded, Kerry left for another meeting.

New Business:

Overnight Field Trip Request

After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: Move to accept the class trip proposal as stated.

Motion: J. Kryszkiewicz Seconded: Cass Benson Vote: 4-0-0.

Name Change

Beth received an e-mail from Sharon Lynn, the town manager, saying that she would like to put the VMES on as a town meeting article and change the name to: VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER. Everyone present agreed to this suggestion. Beth will tell Sharon that it's O.K.

March Meeting Date

The dates that had been initially decided on were the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 5:00 with the stipulation that if the 2nd meeting of the month were not needed – it would be cancelled. Thus, after much discussion, the next meeting date was scheduled for **Tuesday, March 20th** and the next date was **Monday, April 23rd**.

PSC Comments

There were none.

Adjournment happened at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by the School Committee on March 20 , 2012