

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – THURSDAY– SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 730 PM
TOWN HALL – AUDITORIUM**

Vice Chairwoman Elaine Anderson convened the meeting at 7:30 pm noting the following:

Board of Selectmen Attending: Elaine Anderson, David McChesney, and Tom Donegan.

Noting that Chairman Austin Knight and Erik Yingling were setting up the auditorium.

Other Attendees: Town Manager, Sharon Lynn, Town Counsel, John Georgio

Recorder: Elaine Anderson

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn to the Town Hall Auditorium forthwith to accommodate the overflow crowd assembled for the meeting.

Motion by: Tom Donegan Seconded By: David McChesney Yea 3 Nay 0

Chairman, Austin Knight opened the Special Meeting at 8:05 pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Board of Selectmen Attending: Chairman Austin Knight, Elaine Anderson, David McChesney, Erik Yingling and Tom Donegan.

Other Attendees: Town Manager, Sharon Lynn, Town Counsel, John Georgio

Recorder: Elaine Anderson

MOTION: Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to allow the Town Manager to evoke Charter Section 4:10-4-2.

Motion by: Austin Knight Seconded By: Elaine Anderson

Discussion: Town Counsel advised that this was an unnecessary motion in that the Town Manager can evoke Section 4:10-4-2 for just cause.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Sharon Lynn, Town Manager read a statement into the record.

Austin Knight, chairman, read a letter from the Provincetown Police Labor Federation, New England Police Benevolent Association, Post Office Box 1204, Provincetown, MA 02657, I.U.P.A. AFL-CIO/LOCALS NOS 67 AND 68, into the record. (Letter in full attached here.)

Sharon Lynn, Town Manager, announced the immediate suspension of Jeff Jaran, Chief

of Police, Provincetown according to Section 4, 10-4-2 of the Provincetown Charter, and named Lt. Golden, Acting Chief of Police, Provincetown, and expanded the MARCUM investigation to include new allegations brought forth in the Police Union letter.

1. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS** - three-minute limit imposed by Chairman Knight to accommodate crowd.

Twenty citizens spoke – recorded by PTV

2. **DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO POLICE CHIEF JEFF JARAN UNDER PROVINCETOWN TOWN CHARTER SECTION 4: 10-4-2.**

Based on the action taken by Sharon Lynn, Town Manager to suspend Chief Jeff Jaran immediately, no other action was needed.

3. **OTHER** – none

Motion to adjourn by at 9:15 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: David Gardner

PROVINCETOWN POLICE LABOR FEDERATION
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Provincetown Board of Selectman: Austin Knight, Chair et.al
Town of Provincetown
260 Commercial Street
Provincetown, MA 02657

Dated: September 12, 2013

By: In Hand Service

Request To Be Read Publicly and Into the Record

Dear Selectman and Members of the Provincetown Community:

Like you, some of us were born and raised here.

Like you, some of us came to Provincetown seeking an oasis from the homophobia, sexism, racism and intolerance found in less "evolved" places.

Like you, we all embrace the unabashed "quirkiness," acceptance and freedom that comes from living and working in our community.

We are one of you.

What sets us apart from you is the oath we swore when we raised our right hands and became Provincetown Police Officers. We took an oath to protect and to serve this community and the Constitution of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As such; we accept and acknowledge that it is our duty to put both the community and the Constitution before our very lives if necessary.

This is an oath we take very seriously.

This is something we do each and every day.

This is why we can no longer stand by and have our silence be mistaken for the tacit acceptance of the behavior of the Chief of Police.

We cannot condone behaviors, including but not limited to:

- The ordering of police officers into the Squealing Pig to collect names of employees and patrons who were present when the Chief objected to an employee's exercise of their first amendment right to play music of their choosing;
- Ethical violations regarding the undue influence on employee votes in recent elections, including the distribution of campaign signs from the police station;
- The disparity of discipline administered to Union Members by the Chief of Police and a pattern of continued and sustained contract violations;
- The unconscionable treatment by the Chief of Police of a Union Member who was sexually assaulted in the police station by a uniformed, on duty police officer, including the failure to fully investigate and to document the crime, and the subsequent protection of the offending officer which included positive job recommendations to other police departments.

We watched and we heard you on Monday night.

We saw how many of your hands shook, your voices quavered and how many expressed fear of retribution. We were also heartened by your words of support.

The Union held an emergency meeting yesterday to discuss the Chief of Police, and the concerns expressed by many members was disquietingly similar to yours. Many Union Members voiced concern, fear of retaliation and believed their jobs could be in jeopardy as a result of their vote.

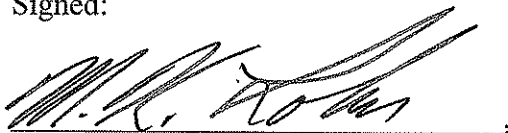
Chief Jaran hired many of us and did much good for this department.

For many, the vote that they cast was a Hobbesian choice.

However, we have been sworn to protect the Constitution and the rights of each and every member of this community.

THEREFOR: On September 11, 2013 the Provincetown Police Department, Union voted by an overwhelming majority, to adopt a "Vote of No Confidence" in Police Chief Jeff Jaran.

Signed:



Meredith Kurkjian Lobur
President, NEBPA Local 67



Thomas F. Steele
President, NEBPA Local 68

Dated:

September 12, 2013