

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY– APRIL 8, 2013 5 PM**

## **TOWN HALL – JUDGE WELSH ROOM**

Chairman Austin Knight convened the meeting at 5:00 PM noting the following:

Board of Selectmen attending: Austin Knight, Elaine Anderson, John Santos, David McChesney and Erik Yingling

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn and Assistant Town Manager David Gardner

Recorder: Vernon Porter

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

### **1. STREET SWEEPING**

Present: DPW Deputy Director Richard Waldo, Parking Administrator Dominic Rosati and Lt. James Golden.

#### **Traffic Team Comments**

At the 2013 Annual Traffic Hearing, a proposal to institute Street Sweeping Zones was presented to eliminate long term parking on our side streets. The traffic team voted “Not to Recommend” citing current budget and staffing levels could not support this proposal. It was suggested to implement a time limit for parking in public ways as an alternative.

The Board of Selectmen chose to vote against our recommendation and institute a deadline of June 1, 2013 to implement an overhaul of our current practices.

The traffic team requests reconsideration of this vote due to the time, effort, energy, and expense associated with this action.

#### **Current Practice**

The street sweepers operate Monday - Thursday 4 AM – 12 PM, Friday – Sunday 4am-8am.

Every morning from 4 AM to 7 AM the sweeper hits Bradford St & Commercial St from Johnson to Court, Lopes Square, MPL, and Grace Hall Parking Lot.

At 7 AM, they begin sweeping side streets in a given zone without enforcement from 7 AM to 9 AM. At 9 AM the sweeper meets up with a Parking Enforcement Officer and a Tow Truck to clear and sweep a Commercial Street Zone. This process usually takes 2 hours to perform.

Parking Enforcement works with DPW from 9 AM to 11 AM at which time the parking department must begin clearing Commercial Street of delivery trucks.

Under the existing set-up, all publicly owned streets in Provincetown (except Route 6) are swept over the course of one week. Occasionally we will sweep private roads to keep the town clean.

**Proposed Practice:**

Traffic enforcement officer would be tied up from 7 AM to 11 AM daily, which would result in no enforcement on other streets or for other parking issues.

Standish, Ryder, Alden Streets have metered parking and it would result in a loss of revenue if those streets were to be part of this enforcement.

Streets that are too narrow require a bobcat to sweep and this is another personnel issue. Rather than address those streets on “as needed basis” they would be addressed on a weekly basis.

Implementing a Street Sweep Zones will require upwards of 100 signs at approximately \$80 a sign.

There are no guarantees that our proposed schedule will work, it’s on a trial and error basis. If our schedule proves to be incorrect and we need to change the zones this will require us to remove the signs and create new ones that reflect an improved schedule.

The sign installation is not possible over the next month and half as other priorities include road line painting, patching potholes, cleaning catch basins, installing beach mats, redoing Motta Baseball Field, beautification projects, beach raking, etc.

More thought and consideration is needed before implementing such a rule change.

**Board of Selectmen**

The Board was not aware of some of these conditions and after open discussion the Board of Selectmen made the following motions:

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reconsider their vote at the Traffic Hearing.*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson      **Seconded By:** John Santos      Yea 5 Nay 0

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to rescind their motion of the Traffic Hearing (Item #4) relating to this material (Street Sweeping).*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson      **Seconded By:** John Santos      Yea 5 Nay 0

**MOTION:** *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to refer long term parking issues to the Working Group to explore and bring back recommendations to the Board of Selectmen at their September 9, 2012 meeting.*

**Motion by:** Elaine Anderson      **Seconded By:** David McChesney  
Yea 4 Nay 1 (Erik Yingling)

2.      **OTHER** – None

Motion to adjourn by Erik Yingling at 5:30 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen  
April 9, 2013