

Minutes of Visitor Services Board Meeting

Tuesday - October 26, 1999

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The meeting of the VSB was called to order, by co-chair Steve Melamed at 11:00 AM those present from the board were, Steve Melamed, Dana Henricksen, Hunter O'Hanion, Barbara Rushmore, Bob Tosner and Francis Santos. The Tourism Director, Patricia Fitzpatrick and Grant Coordinator Michelle J. were also present. Members of the community were in attendance, including representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and Women's Innkeepers.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Public Comments: Kay Halle asked to address the board. Ms. Halle informed the board that she was reapplying to regain her seat on the board and would request that the board not hold an election for a new Chairman. Ms. Halle said she hoped to return to the board as the co-chair. Candice Collins- Boden representing the Provincetown Chamber office, informed the VSB about the Chambers' plans for a Laser Light Show, on the face of the Pilgrim Monument, on the evening of January 1, 2000.

Old Business: Patricia Fitzpatrick discussed the Five Year Plan with the board. Monies will be spent to add more restroom facilities and add additional Shuttle service to the Town. The BOS have mandated that funds be used from the tourism fund to enhance the experience of the visitor while they are vacationing in Provincetown. The Grants coordinator Michelle J., answered questions regarding previous grants given to organizations and the rules necessary for any organization to apply for Grants for the FY2001. Advertising for Grants for the FY2001 will begin in mid-November. Fitzpatrick explained to members of the board why money has not been made available to purchase advertising and organize travel to become apart of the "Sister Cities International Program". Dana Henricksen requested that the tourism Director meet with staff to expedite an explanation as to why the BOS wasn't moving on the One Year Marketing Plan and the release of the funds. Fitzpatrick agreed to meet with the Town Manager and return with her findings. Discussions were held on the feasibility of an Intermodal Visitor Service Center to be built on Shank Painter Road. The Town is looking at expanding a site on Shank Painter road next to the firehouse. The idea is to keep large tour buses out of the center of town and avoid the drain on the MPL comfort station in the center of Town. Staff is looking for alternatives for providing more comfort stations and visitor information centers.

New Business: Steve Melamed, co-chair called for an election of a chairperson for the board. Discussion followed. Bob Tosner felt that we should wait until Ms.Halle was /or was not reappointed before we took a vote. Dana Hendrickson made a motion: That the Board votes for a new Chairperson to hold office until he end of the current term. Barbara Rushmore seconded motion.

Vote: Yea 5 Nay 1

Discussion followed. Hunter O'Hanion that the board nominates Steve Melamed as the new acting chairperson of the VSB. Barbara Rushmore seconded the motion **Vote:** Yea 6 Nay 0 Steve Melamed was elected to serve as the Chairperson for the VSB, until the first meeting of the VSB in June 2000 Selection of a Secretary for the VSB: Patricia Fitzpatrick volunteered to be the scribe for the board. Hunter O'Hanion moved to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Next meeting will be held November 2, 1999 to continue discussion of the Five Year Plan, Holiday Lights Project, Y2K Hospitality Center at Town Hall, and Grants programs for 2001 and any new business to come before the board.

Receptively submitted,

Patricia Fitzpatrick
Tourism Director

October 28, 1999