

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

EXECUTIVE SESSION – AUGUST 9, 2004 #1

## JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM

Chairman Cheryl Andrews opened the meeting at 6:07 pm noting the following attendees:

Board of Selectmen Members: Cheryl Andrews, Michele Couture, Sarah Peake and Richard Olson. Excused Absence: Mary-Jo Avellar

Others Present: Town Manager Keith Bergman, Acting Assistant Town Manager Michelle Jarusiewicz, Special Counsel Gretchen Van Ness.

Finance Committee Members Present: Matthew Clark, Thomas Thurston, Gail Enos, Robert Vetrick, Ann Maguire, Mark Leach, Ruth Gilbert

Recorder: Cheryl Andrews

The following are meeting minutes, in brief.

### 1A **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Legal Services for Same-Sex Marriage Litigation

Dialogue ensued.

Attorney Van Ness - Explained time line and her contribution.

FinCom members asked questions of Attorney Gretchen Van Ness.

Ann Maguire - Retain Contract? Rate, etc. Matthew Clark - Can we get an estimate?

Statement about what we're doing.

Robert Vetrick - How important is this in making headlines - and at what cost?

Cheryl Andrews - Has nothing to do with making headlines. It is the right thing to do.

Sarah Peake - It is important to the economy and to the Civil Rights cause.

Gail Enos left at 7:00 pm.

Michele Couture - We don't discriminate - like anti-hate crime.

**MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to reconvene in open session.***

**Motion by: Michele Couture Seconded by: Sarah Peake **Yea 4 Nay 0****

Sarah Peake - Yes                      Richard Olson - Yes

Michele Couture - Yes              Cheryl Andrews - Yes

Motion to reconvene in regular session at 7:32 PM.

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