

LECTMEN Chairman Elizabeth Steele, Paul Christo, Munro Moore,  
SENT: Dolores deSousa, Mary-Jo Avellar. Also Town Manager  
Jim Jeffers.

LECTMEN  
SENT: none

Convened: 7:33 p.m.

Adjourned: midnight

TOPIC Appraisal, Pilgrim Landing Overlook

Motion No.7530

Jarusiewicz said that the two appraisals of "Telegraph Hill" had come in with more than a 10% difference. Joel Lerner of the State recommended that the town get another appraisal to submit with the funding grant application. Jarusiewicz said she had contacted Paul O'Leary's office, a Cape appraiser. O'Leary's office said that the work could run between \$2,000-\$5,000.

Avellar yes  
DeSousa yes  
Moore yes  
Steele yes  
Christo yes

Motion: Avellar that if O'Leary is interested in doing the work, to hire him for the third appraisal  
second: deSousa

Passed x  
Failed \_\_\_\_\_

TOPIC Francis Fund Transfer

Motion No.7531

Jeffers said that the Francis property needed some yard work and clean up; estimate for the work is \$600.

Motion: deSousa to transfer \$600 for yard work  
second: Moore

Avellar yes  
DeSousa yes  
Moore yes  
Steele yes  
Christo yes

Jeffers also announced that the town had been awarded \$1 million in EDA funds for the pier. The announcement came from Congressman Studds office that day.

Passed x  
Failed \_\_\_\_\_

TOPIC Public Statements

Motion No. xxxx

Chairman Steele asked for no exchange between the Board and the public. She asked that the public take one turn per person and limit talking time to 5 minutes per person. Christo asked that if someone wanted to ask a question, would response time be permitted. Christo said that a response should be given. Avellar said she objected to not being able to respond. She said she was disappointed that the incidents at Spiritus Pizza were not an agenda item. DeSousa said that any member of the public has the opportunity to place an item on the agenda. deSousa said she supported the Chairman in her decision. Moore said that if any Board member felt like responding then they should respond. Steele said that the public display would make it difficult for the Board to continue.

Avellar \_\_\_\_\_  
DeSousa \_\_\_\_\_  
Moore \_\_\_\_\_  
Steele \_\_\_\_\_  
Christo \_\_\_\_\_  
Passed \_\_\_\_\_



## SELECTMEN

PRESENT: Chairman Elizabeth Steele, Paul Christo, Munro Moore, Dolores deSousa, Mary-Jo Avellar. Also Town Manager

SELECTMEN Jim Jeffers.

ABSENT: none

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## TOPIC

Public Statements

Motion No. XXXX

(secretary's note: the public statements portion of the meeting ran from @ 8:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.--the following notes are excerpted from the tapes)

Barbara Rushmore stated that the state police acted very brutally during the Blessing of the Fleet Weekend. Rushmore questioned who had called in the state police.\* Rushmore said that the Police Chief should have been present at Spiritus. She asked who was in charge of the Police Chief. \*(Sat. Aug 16, 1986)

Paul Wychules, chairman of the Human Rights Coalition, read a prepared statement. Wychules suggested putting up traffic signs indicating traffic flow--in addition putting up signs such as Quiet, Residential neighborhood. Wychules asked why weren't peaceful methods used during the weekend. Wychules asked if there was a hidden agenda behind the happenings of the weekend. Wychules said that the charges against those arrested Friday night (Aug 15) should be dropped.

Larry Kauffman asked why the public couldn't block the sidewalk--he said that the walk on the wharf was blocked by whale watch people.

Gary Chefetz asked "who called the shots for Friday night." He asked who had ultimate responsibility for the way it was handled. Chefetz said there was a certain degree of mismanagement. He said that the problem was much more than a straight-gay issue, but more of an issue of how the town was going to treat tourism. Chefetz said he had a problem with the attitude of the town manager. Chefetz said that the tourists are the lifeblood of the town. He said that if people did not go to Spiritus they would go somewhere else. Chefetz suggested allowing people to linger at the bars after the 1 a.m. closing for coffee and soft drinks.

Linda Norwood complained of selective enforcement--she said that everyone's rights become endangered by selective enforcement. She said that the police seemed not to have an understanding of what they needed to enforce.

Robert Catena, who was one of those arrested on Friday night, said that the group of people who were arrested are not a group you would arrest. He asked the Selectmen to think of dropping the charges.

Joe Ouellett asked what was critical about keeping Commercial Street open. Ouellette spoke of creating a public mall.

Arpena Stanton said that the citizens of town have a right to peace and quiet after 1 a.m. She said that the tourists should obey the rules of the town they were visiting.



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ABSENT: none

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TOPIC Public Statements

Motion No. XXXXX

Howard Gettler said he was not pleased with the way the summer police officers addressed gay people. He said they needed some orientation.

Mr. Berman said that the reported incidents of anti-gay violence were only a small portion of those that happened.

Munro Moore gave some background information as to why there was an increase in the number of police officers at Spiritus on Friday, August 15th. Moore said that perhaps the situation at Spiritus was handled badly on Friday evening, however no one "set it up."

Elizabeth Steele said that the crowds at Spiritus were an on-going problem. She said that perhaps the fault lay in poor-timing. She said that the increased police presence was a show of good faith to the neighbors who have complained for years.

Paul Christo said that he had heard that the state police were called an half hour before the Board went into executive session at 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 16, 1986. Christo said that to say the incident was not a gay issue was naive.

Mary Silvia said that she had asked that something be done about Spiritus Pizza at the Selectmen's meeting.\* She described the scene at Spiritus after 1 a.m. during a typical weekend evening. She asked that the rights of neighbors be protected. (Aug. 11, 1986)

Joel O'Brien said that he hated to see Spiritus relegated to an 11 p.m. closing. O'Brien said that the people in crowd during the weekend (Aug 15-17) were visitors.

Fire Chief Meads said that the rescue squad has been impeded from moving up Commercial Street due to the crowds. He said he was pleased to see the police presence there.

Eric Rofes said that the town should be concentrating on how to prevent this from happening in the future. He said that there was a vacuum in leadership over this. He said that a task force should be called together to come up with plans. He said that this was not a Provincetown problem. He said that this task force could offer alternatives. He said that the town was open to lawsuits over what happened at Spiritus.

Ted Alexander said it was a sad fact that Police Chief Meads was not at the meeting. He said that the police were at fault.



## MEMBERS

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ABSENT: none

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TOPIC Public Statements

Motion No. xxx

Mrs. Morris, who just moved to town, asked the Board what they felt about what happened at Spiritus Pizza. Steele said that her gut feeling on Saturday night was that she wished that she were not there (Spiritus Pizza) and that none of it had happened. Steele said she was upset that it had become a gay issue. Avellar said she couldn't judge if the arrests were justified. Avellar said that the neighbors have legitimate rights. Avellar said that the situation could have been defused a week ago. Avellar said that the instructions to the police for Friday evening (Aug. 15) were perhaps not clear. DeSousa said that the Board had a responsibility to the community to keep the streets open.

TOPIC

Public Officials, Fire Chief Meads

Motion No. 753

Fire Chief Meads addressed the problem of underground storage tanks. All underground storage tanks must now be registered by the Fire Dept (with some exemptions). Chief Meads said that the problem exists with those tanks that have been abandoned. Meads said that many tanks are older than 20 yrs. old. Meads said that as the tanks are a licensing matter, he cannot alone order the removal of the tanks. Meads named several owners of tanks (Diggs, Stefani, Nauset Trawling). Meads asked that the Board move to revoke the licenses for these tanks. Moore suggested that the Board first write to the owners, advising them that the tanks must be removed and that the Board intends to revoke the licenses. Moore said that some of the owners may have valid cause for continuing their licenses. Meads said he was giving the owners 6 months to a year to remove the tanks.

Avellar yes

DeSousa yes

Moore yes

Steele yes

Christo yes

passed x

Failed \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: Moore to send a letter to those license holders affected (a list to be supplied to the Board secretary by the Fire Chief) advising them that their licenses will be revoked

second: deSousa



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SELECTMEN ABSENT: none

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TOPIC Licensing Motion No. 75

The Board was in receipt of several complaints concerning service at the Pied Piper Bar. Avellar said it was not a good idea for the Board to listen to any complaints until all parties could be present.

Avellar abstain  
DeSousa yes  
Moore yes  
Steele yes  
Christo yes  
Passed x  
Failed       

Motion: Moore to send a letter to the Pied Piper that the Board was holding an informal hearing on the complaints at its next Meeting (Sept 8)  
second: deSousa

TOPIC Licensing Motion No. 75

Licensing Agent Kane brought to the Board's attention that Euro, Inc. was showing videos in its movie theater. Steele said that the license stated that the theater would show movies. Kane also said that according to the advertisement, the showing of videos on Friday nights appears to be limited to a private club (private clubs are not permitted in Town). Moore said that if there was any major change in operation Euro should go to the BZA under #1260.

Avellar yes  
DeSousa yes  
Moore yes  
Steele yes  
Christo yes  
Passed x  
Failed       

Motion: Moore to request that Euro be present for an informal hearing at the Board's next meeting to clarify the operation in the movie theater, with a letter to Town Counsel outlining the situation and asking for clarification  
second: deSousa

TOPIC Selectmen's Statements--Christo (cont. next page) Motion No. xxx

Motion: Christo that the Selectmen send a letter to the Police Chief and the town prosecutor suggesting that charges brought against those people arrested on Fri. August 15th be dropped  
second: Moore

Avellar         
DeSousa         
Moore         
Steele         
Christo       

Moore said he did not believe that the arrests were not legitimate. Christo said that unusual circumstances were taking place. Christo said he had spoken to Town Counsel, who had told him that the town could be subject to a lawsuit (by those arrested). Christo said that to send such a letter would be a course of good will. Avellar said she empathized with Christo's sentiment. Moore said that the police chief had a job to do. DeSousa asked about the 2 people who pled guilty.

Passed         
Failed



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TOPIC Public Statements--Christo, cont. Motion No. 7543

DeSousa said that to suggest anything to police chief would be over-stepping the Board's bounds. Christo said that there were mitigating circumstances. Christo wondered if an investigation was in order. Christo added that he didn't want to put the Police Chief in a corner. Steele said that it was the Board's responsibility to find out what agreement had been reached between Spiritus and the Police Chief prior to Aug. 15th. Steele said she was not sure what Christo wanted the Board to investigate. Christo said that if the State Police had been called at 2 p.m. on Aug. 16th, he did not know what methods had been used to arrive at this decision. Avellar said she was upset that a paddy wagon was present on Friday night. Steele said there was lack of communication between the police and the Selectmen and the Selectmen and the general public.

Avellar no  
 DeSousa no  
 Moore no  
 Steele no  
 Christo yes  
 Passed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Failed x

The motion to request that charges against those arrested Friday night be dropped failed.

TOPIC Public Statements--Avellar Motion No. 75

Motion: Avellar that a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen be formed in order to facilitate good relations between the Town and its officials and the community, to formulate policy and educate tourists residing in town and to diffuse the explosive and unnecessary incidents that developed in front of Spiritus Pizza on the weekend of Aug 15th; such subcommittee shall be composed of the following individuals: two members of the Board of Selectmen, the Chief of Police, the Town Manager and one member each from the Provincetown Business Guild, the Chamber of Commerce and the Human Rights Coalition. This committee shall meet and keep a record of its activities and shall report to the Board of Selectmen in advance of the summer season, 1987.  
 second: Moore

Avellar yes  
 DeSousa yes  
 Moore yes  
 Steele yes  
 Christo yes  
 Passed x  
 Failed \_\_\_\_\_