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IF PROVINCETOWN TAKES THE PROVINCE LANDS

WHO TAKES THE MONEY?

Selectman John Snow appeared at a committee hearing of the U. S. Congress on March 7, 1961, and testified that Provincetown wants to take over the back woods Province Lands and develop them for the benefit of the Town.

Snow submitted the report of a three man Commission which has asked the Massachusetts General Court to cede these Province Lands to the Town. The Commission members are: (1) The Director of the Division of Waterways, Department of Public Works; (2) The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Provincetown; (3) the Chairman of the Provincetown Planning Board.

These three men recommended that a large portion of the Province Lands should be turned over to Provincetown under the following conditions:

"Section III. The subdivision and sale of lots shall be under the control, judgment and discretion of a board composed of the Director of the Division of Waterways, Department of Public Works; the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Provincetown; and the Chairman of the Planning Board of said Town. The board shall make rules and regulations relative to the use, subdivision and sale of the property.

"Section IV. Any money received from the sale of any lots, or parcels of property shall be equally divided, one-half of said money to be paid to the treasurer of the Commonwealth, the balance to be used by the board for actual costs and expenses of subdivision and sales and any amount remaining to be paid to the treasurer of the Town of Provincetown." *

Is THIS what the voters of Provincetown want?

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Excerpts taken from "Report of Special Commission Investigating and Studying the Conveyance of a portion of the Province Lands to the Town of Provincetown," dated December 28, 1960.

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