



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welsh Room - Town Hall
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, July 11, 2013**

Members Present: Lee Ash (LA), Rich Wood (RW), Ginny Binder (GB), Carlos Verde (CV)
Members Absent: Scott Fraser (SF)
Other Attendees: Rex McKinsey (RM), Pier Manager/Harbormaster,
David McChesney (DM), Board of Selectman Representative
Scott Chovanec (SC), Provincetown Police Department
Connie Boulos (CB), Administrative Asst.

Chair Lee Ash called the Public Meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Public Statements

Kerry Adams wanted to speak on behalf of a number of people who are concerned about the curfew and parking on the Pier. He suggests allowing Rex to make the final decision on when fishing will be allowed (Kerry's suggestion is to 3AM) and suggests allowing parking for residents in the designated ferry parking lanes.

Dana McCanall, a resident of Provincetown, wanted to address the board concerning the fishing ban. She enjoys taking neighborhood children fishing and squidging at night, but was told she could not park on the Pier because she does not have a commercial permit sticker. Her hope is that residents can park at the Pier at night for fishing and that there is a happy medium controlling who misuses the privilege of fishing on the Pier and who values it.

Special Agenda

Trapshed Artist Photographer Julie Tremblay

This item was originally skipped because the board was waiting for Julie's presence. However, Julie was unable to attend the meeting and her issue was discussed during the Pier Manager's report. The board discussed her concern about the new photographer in the seasonal trap shed and how Julie feels she has a non-compete clause in her contract. The committee felt the new photographer is significantly different in style and texture. The board members did not see, in any of the lease and literature, a non-compete situation. PPPC said that the board tries to get different artists in the trap sheds if the demand is there.

Review of Minutes

LA referred to the June 27, 2013 Public Meeting minutes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 06/27/13 as written.

Motion: Carlos Verde ***2nd:*** Ginny Binder

Vote: Yes: 4 ***No:*** 0 ***Abstain:*** 0

Motion passes.

Directors' Statements

CV mentioned that the fourth of July parade went well and wanted to applaud the Recreation Department for putting together a wonderful parade.

GB thought the Blessing of the Weekend was a safe and enjoyable experience and likes how it shows the authentic and unique quality of our community's Portuguese heritage.

LA enjoyed Rex's commentary at the Blessing of the Fleet and shows how it is a great reminder of the boats and their representation. LA also enjoyed the NPR piece about sharks, (materials for the program originated in Chatham and Orleans), as well as the fishermen and their experience fishing with seals.

Working Group Reports

No discussion ensued.

Pier Manager's Report

Trapshed Revenue Expense

RM presented to the board the trap shed revenue since the beginning of the program. It has cost the PPPC approximately \$58K to set up the program, but has brought \$179K in revenue to the PPPC. Five trap sheds were built with \$45K, but 10W is not considered a retail trap shed. Monthly costs include \$140 a month for electricity and \$42 a month in maintenance. RM said the PPPC is currently going through the process of permitting for 2 new sheds. RW is pleased with the return that has occurred over the ten years of the program, and LA hopes that the numbers presented supports keeping the other 2 trap sheds on the PPPC's future agenda.

CV is concerned that the waiting list for trap sheds has dropped over the years, and LA theorizes that it may have to do with the economy and recession. The trap shed program and format has changed over the years to try to combat that. GB believes the trap shed is a great incubation and micro-lending opportunity to start a career. These trap sheds perpetuates the arts and produces economic growth on the Pier. RM and GB discussed possibly allowing the trap shed tenants to give art lessons to the public to grow their opportunities.

Capital Reserves

RM said the 6/30/13 balance for this account is \$269K. This was figured by adding \$4K a month for the past year to the 6/30/12 auditor's balance of \$219K. RM said with the AGM contract and pilings, along with other materials and labor, the PPPC is left with \$23,441 in this account. LA wants to show the public how much savings the PPPC has made with the MPO program. She is concerned that because so much money has been spent on labor for this storm, the numbers will be accumulated together and the public will not be able to see the savings. CV wanted to ask how the \$27K in labor was broken down between our employees and contracted services. There was much debate about this, but LA ended the discussion by saying that for purposes of accounting and the PPPC's budget, it is helpful to break out the costs line by line.

FEMA

RM said the bills from the storm, which included the capital reserve expenses, were submitted last week. FEMA will make the decision on what will be reimbursed and what will not. FEMA realizes we have one of the more extraordinary projects on the Cape. This is still an ongoing process, and all the paperwork has been submitted with the help of Sherry Prada from the DPW.

ACoE (Army Corps of Engineers)

The contract has been prepared for Bourne Consulting Engineering (floating docks) and is waiting for necessary signatures so the PPPC can give the instructions to the engineers and move forward. A pre application meeting with ACoE for regulatory issues will be held for the bigger meeting. This meeting will streamline the process and give the board an indication of what is ahead.

Other issues

RM - Sandy Silva, float 1E, currently has a new tenant, Wally Adams, with the vessel Ragamuffin. His documentation is in order and Sandy wants the board to approve him. LA and GB mentioned previous tenants were approved if the PPPC had all of their required paperwork. There has been one new application for the unoccupied floating docks. The Pier party went off very well and Kiki Herald, who is taking over for Dave Flower, has booked for next year. The Cruise for Life Crew Party on the Pier has been cancelled due to lack of party organizer numbers.

RM said that businesses in town will pass out flyers to individuals coming off the boats; RM does not want that to happen at the gangways because it causes traffic and trash issues. He would rather interact with the solicitors beforehand so that they have a framework to develop when handing out flyers. LA said that Dr. Murray from the Crown and Anchor was upset that an Assistant Harbormaster told his employee he was not allowed to pass out flyers. LA said that once a plan is formulated, RM can inform the Assistant Harbormasters on what is the correct manner on which to regulate this activity. LA also said that it may be easier if this is handled before the season begins. GB mentioned that something could be sent through the Provincetown Business Guild or the Chamber of Commerce about how the Pier suggests businesses sensitively and productively flyer on the Pier. CV mentioned that RM could talk to business owners directly at a various meetings.

Parking

Based on the polls that have been taken in the last two weeks, there have been more non-residents than residents fishing. However, RM would like to allow Provincetown resident stickers to park on the Pier at night for fishing. RW had asked if RM has an idea on the percentage of individuals fishing for recreational, vacation, or other purposes. RM is not sure, but the poll does give a good indication, based on Sarah's notes, on where people are coming from. GB likes the idea of Provincetown parking stickers and possibly contacting the Chamber about squid fishing to put a positive spin on something unique in this town.

CV would like to stick to the original decision; RM can always rectify a situation if a handicap issue needs to be addressed. RW is concerned that the office has few staff at that time that is responsible for rounds and other matters on the Pier. Every level adds more complexity and more attention to detail required for one person's responsibilities. LA would like to leave this decision to Scott Chovanec and RM. SC would like to keep the parking limited to hanging green tags only. CV is in favor of extending fishing on the Pier to 2AM so that it gives individuals more time to set up and break down.

RM would rather monitor the fishing issue by focusing on possessing only a 5 gallon bucket per person, but DMF and Town Council said that RM can only regulate parking restrictions and time of day. RM believes that the parking ban has lowered the number of individuals fishing. RW had asked RM if the parking ban has reduced problems and disrespect to the Pier's property, and both SC and RM believe it has.

Much discussion ensued about opening up parking to residents, including making the Pier look unfriendly by not allowing non-residents to park. It was finally decided that there will now be 8 temp tags, and fishing will be allowed until 2AM. Starting at 9PM, the tags will exclusively be used for parking, while during the day the 8 temp tags will be used for the conditions set forth in the previous meeting.

New Business

CV had asked Dan Hoort about the 5 year budget plan and wanted to know if RM had submitted a number for a new boat. He also had asked about how the camera bid was progressing. RM said that he will be working with Luis on a number for Dan, and RM is working with Town Council to create a contract and DPW to write out the scope for the bid. CV had asked if the big crane will be moving off the Pier, and RM said that a tenant needs additional piling work to be done. The crane and float will be repositioned at Steve Miliken's float.

There was also discussion on if the work was complete for the 2013 storm. RM said the repairs are done to the best of our ability, and there is a standard heavy weather plan if another storm arrives. DM had asked if a wave attenuator will minimize damage in the future, and both GB and RW said significantly.

CV also brought up Scott's absence and if the board plans to be a 4 member board. RW said Scott's intention is to resign in May, but agrees with Carlos on finding a solution to this issue. GB suggested possibly finding an alternate seat to fill in for Scott.

A motion was made to request the Board of Selectmen's representative, David McChesney, notify the BOS about the PPPC's makeup and review current options the PPPC may have.

Motion: Rich Wood **2nd:** Carlos Verde

Vote:

Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Motion passes.

A motion was made to adjourn at this time.

Motion: Carlos Verde **2nd:** Ginny Binder

Vote:

Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM
Respectfully submitted,

Connie Boulos
PPPC Administrative Asst.

Lee Ash, Chair