



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Thursday Apr. 10, 2014
Provincetown Town Hall
Caucus Hall Meeting Room
260 Commercial Street
Time: 3:30 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Jerry Irmer, Susan Avellar, Carla Anderson, Christopher Brooke

Members excused: Laura Ludwig

Members absent: Francis Santos

Staff Liaison/Advisor: Harbormaster Rex McKinsey at 3:42pm

Others: Edward Ritter, Alex Brown, Victor Saltsam, Patrick Santos, Kelly Hellman

I. Call to Order:

The Public Meeting of the Provincetown Harbor Committee was convened at 3:31 pm in Caucus Hall.

II. Review/amend/approve minutes of HC Meeting on 3-27-14 as typed.

MOVED: Brooke

SECONDED: Avellar

VOTE: 4-0-0

III. Public Statements: none

IV. Harbormaster Report: take up later

V. New Business:

Opened Public Hearing on changes to Harbor Regulations and heard statements from the public. Edward Ritter requested not banning boats on the beach as proposed in pars. 3-2-1 and 3-2-3 of the Regulations. Wording in paragraph does not exclude working (commercial fishermen) boats. Is private property excluded from the Regulations? He suggested promoting a "Kayak Week" with races, etc. This is an economical push for the community. Kayaks are not harmful to the environment. Chapter 91 issued in 1866 allows for the public to use the beaches of the Commonwealth for fishing, fowling and navigation. Why do we need to have the beachfront sterile? He presented a letter to the HC. stating his views.

Alex Brown who works lobstering and his shellfish grant near Ptown Inn from the Franklin St. town landing and stores his boat there. He complained that he can't get a truck down the landing to offload his catch due to the many kayaks that are chained to posts there. He presented a picture from Boating Industry magazine April 2014 issue of a kayak storage rack that stores the kayaks on end. They take up much less space. He also mentioned that Chatham is dredging Stage Harbor. Victor Saltsam stated we need better communication. Where are waterfront private property lines? The Scholfield MHW line is used by the DEP.

Patrick Santos also works from the Franklin St. town landing and disagrees with the \$10 sticker fee. We need a better way to store kayaks.

Kelly Hellman stated that there are paintings on walls of town hall that show boats on the beach in winter. She is against the ban.

There is kayak congestion at Franklin St. town landing and commercial fishermen can't get truck access. Also, Washington Ave. and Johnson St. landings are crowded with boats.

Rex explained changes to the Harbor Regulations.

HC members commented on changes.

MOTION: To continue the Public Hearing on changes to the Regulations to the next Harbor Committee meeting on 4-24-14.

MOVED: Avellar

SECONDED: Brooke

VOTE: 4-0-0

Closed Public Hearing at 5:00 pm.

Harbormaster Report: The town has received a \$100,000 Coastal Resiliency Assessment and Strategic Beach Stabilization Pilot Project Grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs announced on 4-4-14. This will be used to develop a Beach Management Plan for Provincetown Harbor that identifies potential areas for dune restoration, beach stabilization and other natural approaches to mitigating coastal erosion and flooding problems.

Also, a meeting with the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for May 27 to approve transfer of monies from the HAGF for PCCS for beach monitoring.

There is a need for a hearing with the Part Time Residents Assoc. to explain Harbor Regulation changes and why boats need to be off the beaches in winter.

VI. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn the Harbor Committee Public Meeting at 5:17 pm.

MOVED: Brooke

SECONDED: Avellar

VOTE: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Irmer, Chairman