



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)  
Judge Welsh Room - Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, July 10, 2014**

**Members Present:** Kerry Adams (KA), Carlos Verde (CV), Ginny Binder (KA) and Herbie Hintze (HH).

**Members Absent:** Scott Fraser (SF) (via telephone).

**Other Attendees:** Rex McKinsey (RM), Harbormaster and Ellen C. Battaglini, Administrative Assistant.

Chair Kerry Adams called the Public Meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

***AGENDA***

***Public Statements:***

None.

***Special Agenda Items:***

**Counsel opinion on embarkation excursion fee:**

SF suggested that until the issue is thoroughly settled, the Board should keep the advice of counsel amongst Board members until it needs to be made public. The Board tabled the issue until the Executive Session to be held on July 24, 2014.

***A motion was made to table the issue of counsel's opinion on the embarkation excursion fee until the Executive Session to be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 24, 2014.***

***Motion:*** Ginny Binder

***2nd:*** Carlos Verde

**Vote: Roll Call:**

**GB:** Yes.

**CV:** Yes.

**SF:** Yes.

**HH:** Yes.

**KA:** Yes.

***Motion passes.***

***Review of Minutes***

*A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 06/12/14 as written.*

**Motion:** Herbie Hintze

**2nd:** Ginny Binder

**Vote: Roll Call:**

**GB:** Yes.

**CV:** Yes.

**SF:** Abstain.

**HH:** Yes.

**KA:** Yes.

*Motion passes.*

### *Directors' Statements*

HH: He is concerned about speeding vehicles on the Pier and noted that many of them are local. He has researched speed bumps and they are not that expensive and can be rolled out and rolled back up to accommodate the street sweeper.

GB: She commended the Pier staff for their work during the storm on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Staff managed to minimize the impact of the storm on the visiting population and on the lovely fireworks display.

CV: He commended staff for keeping things running smoothly for the Portuguese Festival and the July 5<sup>th</sup> fireworks. He was disappointed that the parade did not take place. He thought communication was getting better on the Pier. He is concerned as well about the issue of vehicles speeding on the Pier. He and KA have discussed the issue.

SF: He congratulated Luis Ribas on rescuing a boat on the east end. He asked if the Pier has had an issue with people wandering around the floating docks at all. He has observed that in all of the ports that he has visited, access to their floating docks is restricted, usually with security gates, and that marina docks are not open to the public. He thought the Pier should consider that option in regard to the squid fishers.

KA: He said that the squid fishers problem has gotten better since the fishing rules and regulations were posted. Elena Bingham had requested an agenda item about squid fishers, however KA said that posting rules and regulations should be sufficient to address the issue and that an agenda item was not necessary. She agreed that the Board has done all it could do. He said that the only issue that occurs now is people wandering away from designated fishing areas. On the whole, the squid fishers have been neater and cleaner and haven't done any property damage.

He echoed the other Directors' statements in regard to the performance of staff during the July 4<sup>th</sup> storm, the fireworks and the Portuguese Festival. He related a minor incident that occurred on the Pier. A vessel was seeking a slip at Provincetown Marina, which didn't have space, and were told that they would have to pick up a mooring ball. They were not satisfied with the answer and

an Assistant Harbormaster on the radio at the same time indicated to the vessel that MacMillan Pier would be able to offer dockage. Provincetown Marina was not happy with that situation and made it known to RM. Staff was subsequently instructed not to interfere with the transient vessel business of Provincetown Marina and to refrain from breaking in on Channel 9 when vessels are looking for dockage.

SF reminded the Board that Channel 9 did not belong to Provincetown Marina and he thought KA was being very polite about instructing the staff.

### ***Working Group Reports***

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals decision – July 17<sup>th</sup>:**

GB reported that she and Rex attended the ZBA public hearing on June 26, 2014, to present the application for a Special Permit for the Pavilion. The ZBA decision will be read on July 17, 2014 and when the decision is filed, a twenty-day appeal period will begin. The Pier can do infrastructure improvements during the appeal period so the Pavilion can be ready to go on the day that the appeal period ends. She anticipates gathering some good metrics and data that can be used in the request for proposals to be sent out next year.

### ***Pier Manager's Report***

**The Charles Morgan** - The Charles Morgan is here with her entourage of boats, including a 1947 Eastern rig dragger called the Roanne and the Mystic Whaler. The Kalmar Nyckel came in last night. The Lady Maryland wants dockage as w

**Mike Winkler** - Mike Winkler brought in an historic cottage from the outermost beach and is building a platform for it.

**Minke whale** - A dead 30' long 9000 lbs. minke whale was landed on MacMillan Pier. The Center for Coastal Studies and IFAW volunteers were assisting with the operation. The whale was taken away for a necropsy.

**Squid fishing** - The squid fishing is going pretty well. Tinker season is coming up. Civility seems to have returned.

**Portuguese Festival** - The Portuguese and Blessing of the Fleet went smoothly. The fishing derby and lobster car races were successful. The HM office was prepared for the hurricane on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. It was not as bad as forecasted. The maximum gust recorded was 43 mph. The fleet survived well. The fireworks also went off smoothly.

**Summer Camp** - The summer camp party was cancelled this year. RM feels that too much is happening on the 'T' as it is and the cancellation was not unwelcome. However, David Mazochi has contacted RM about holding the summer camp party next year. RM wanted to know what the sense of the Board was regarding this issue. The Board discussed the issue.

***A motion was made to no longer allow the summer camp party on the Pier.***

***Motion:*** Carlos Verde

***2nd:*** Herbie Hintze

The Board discussed the motion. The Board decided that it would entertain the idea of the event and take the idea through a larger process to make sure that the needs of the Pier are being met and to look at an optimization of the space. After that process, the Board will entertain a proposal, which may include a price increase in the use of the Pier.

CV withdrew his motion.

GB suggested that the Board might want to bring in a consultant for advice about accommodating events of various sizes. RM suggested keeping this on the Board's radar until later in the summer and it agreed not to rule out these events in the future. The Board set itself a deadline of the end of October for a definitive answer to Mr. Mazochi. GB suggested asking what Mr. Mazochi's needs were in relation to the event. RM will discuss the issue with him.

**Marine 3** – The new pump-out boat was paid for by the CVA grant money. It has 225 hp Hondas. The pump is electric. The boat can pump out sinking boats. The pilot house is forward and the cargo box is aft. The boat has the capacity to accommodate a backboard or a stokes litter with an EMT on either side, if necessary.

**Cape Light Compact** – RM stated that the Town has signed a contract with Cape Light Compact to re-engineer the lights along the boardwalk for LED lights.

**HM truck** – RM reported that the vehicle was hit from behind and will be repaired.

**Physical plant** – The physical plant is fine. Maintenance is on hold while the Charles Morgan is here.

**Plymouth ferry** – The newest ferry from Plymouth had its inaugural voyage. It will run from Thursday through Sunday.

**Outermost house** – The outermost house came from the south beach in Chatham. It was the last of the houses on that beach to be moved or destroyed. Mike Winkler has moved it here and will put it on a float.

### ***New Business***

**Facebook concept** – KA reported that he designed a Facebook page for the PPPC for information purposes only. He welcomes any input.

***A motion was made to approve the PPPC Facebook page.***

***Motion:*** Carlos Verde

***2nd:*** Ginny Binder

**Vote: Roll Call:**

**GB:** Yes.

**CV:** Yes.

**SF:** Yes.

**HH:** Yes.

**KA:** Yes.

***Motion passes.***

CV asked if Float Space 9W has paid his 2014 fee. RM reported that he has given the HM office a substantial deposit.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen C. Battaglini,  
PPPC Administrative Coordinator

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Kerry Adams, Chair