



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welsh Room - Town Hall
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, October 9, 2014**

Members Present: Kerry Adams (KA), Carlos Verde (CV), Ginny Binder (GB) 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 5:02 P.M.

AGENDA

Public Statements:

None.

Special Agenda Items:

None.

Review of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 09/11/14 as written.

Motion: Ginny Binder

2nd: Herbie Hintze

Vote: Roll Call:

CV: Yes.

HH: Yes.

GB: Yes.

KA: Yes.

SF: Yes.

Motion passes.

Directors' Statements

GB: She attended a sustainability discussion related to the DART grant and wanted to make sure that the Board could continue to be part of the conversation related to sustainability in Provincetown, specifically as it relates to Pier issues. She also attended a workshop on coastal zone management, beach nourishment and erosion technologies. She thanked RM who has been involved in a number of Harbor-related sustainability initiatives and she is looking forward to continuing to work on these issues.

HH: He thought that the Pier ran very smoothly this summer considering how busy it was. He wanted to congratulate RM and his staff for their hard work in managing and operating the Pier.

CV: None.

SF: He echoed HH's remarks and said that there were marked differences on the Pier this summer.

KA: He echoed HH's statement and he has heard from several members of the public who thought that the Pier was run well this summer given the fact that there were no police officers were stationed on the Pier. He congratulated staff for making that happen.

Working Group Reports

None.

Pier Manager's Report

Police on Pier - RM said that police officers were on the Pier when they were needed and that the Harbormaster's office now has a good relationship with the Police Dept. that he values greatly.

Training – RM and Luis Ribas were in tactical operators' training last week.

Personnel – The HM Office is in the midst of reducing staff. This has to do with our cash position and the fact that it is the end of the season. Normally second shift would continue right up until Thanksgiving, however this year it will only continue until the end of October. The shift has already been reduced to six hours, from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. John DeMatteis, Dick Silva and Steve Ross have stopped working. Steve has had his surgery and is convalescing at Seashore Pointe. Pauline Galipeau will be working for another week. Several staff members reside in Town and will be available for storm coverage throughout the winter if needed.

Town Manager interviews – RM participated in several interviews with the finalists for the Town Manager position. He along with the Acting Police Chief and the Fire Chief were in a

group. He thought it was an interesting process. Their comments were forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Coastal Resiliency Workshop – The workshop went well. Mark Borelli and Graham Geiss were interesting to talk to and they had a good working relationship with the audience participants, which included Brian O’Malley and Gordon Peabody. He is interested in reading the report from the workshop by the planners from the Cape Cod Commission.

Pier Events – A bicycle ride by wounded veterans that started in North Truro and ended at the Pier on Friday, September 26th was sponsored by the Wounded Warrior Project. There was a ceremony in the Pavilion after which the riders boarded a ferry to Boston. It was well run and was organized by Ginny Ross, Acting Police Chief Jim Golden and the Truro Chief of Police. The next day the motorcycle event for the Canine Relief Fund was held. He said that the Pier tenants are fairly tolerant of these Pier events and he appreciated the relationship that the HM Office has with tenants.

Town Meeting Article – RM mentioned Article 10 on the Fall Town Meeting warrant, which is an amendment to the Outdoor Lighting by-law. He would like to put the issue on the next agenda for consideration. The requirements for outdoor lighting would be a reduction in wattage for bulbs at businesses or private residences that can be seen from public and private ways within six months. All non-compliant fixtures would have to be switched out within three years. The new by-law, if passed, would mandate that lamp posts be no higher than 12’ high. RM reminded the Board that the lamp posts on the Pier were 16’ high. Directors will read the by-law and discuss it at the next meeting. RM also mentioned the new portable storage zoning by-law, from which the Pier would be exempt because it is a Town entity.

Cash Position – RM updated the cash position. The Pier Corp. has about \$101,000 in cash and the accounts receivable is about \$70,000. The position hasn’t changed that much over the last several weeks. He hopes to be able to project these numbers forward in order to better predict when the cash will run out. The Board discussed the issue. RM said that there are five small claims matters regarding arrears that will be heard in Orleans District Court on October 16th. The accounts receivable list is going to be adjusted by the auditor and some accounts will be written off or otherwise updated to reflect current financial circumstances. The Board discussed the issue. SF said that it would be advantageous if RM could forecast what the cash flow is so the Board can give the BOS a heads-up and the HM Office can lean on those who are in arrears.

Cheryl Andrews, the PPPC’s liaison to the Board of Selectmen, has requested to be put on the agenda for the next meeting in order to hear concerns and help facilitate the Board’s relationship with the BOS. The next Board meeting is right before Town Meeting.

KA asked if RM had come up with a final number for the cost of repairing the transportation float. RM said he thought about \$30,000. KA suggested that the Pier should be collecting the ferry embarkation fees that currently go to the Town because the Pier staff maintains the transportation float. The Board will talk to Cheryl Andrews about the issue.

Per Passenger Rate – This will go on the agenda for the next meeting.

RM updated the Board on the third Coastal Resiliency grant to be submitted in regard to inundation maps and the mitigation measures for critical infrastructure, which includes the Pier. The lead department on the grant is the Department of Public Works.

KA requested that letter of thanks and congratulations be sent to all staff expressing the Board's gratitude for the exceptional season and that it couldn't have been done without them.

A motion was made to send a letter of thanks to all Harbormaster staff expressing the Board's gratitude for their hard work during the past season.

Motion: Herbie Hintze

2nd: Ginny Binder

Vote: Roll Call:

CV: Yes.

HH: Yes.

GB: Yes.

KA: Yes.

SF: Yes.

Motion passes.

CV asked about the HM boats coming out of the water for the winter. RM replied that Marine 2 will be coming out of the water next week for servicing and then going back in at which point Marine 1 and 3 will come out of the water.

CV said the he and RM talked about abandoned moorings and the potential for the Pier Corp. to take control of those moorings and running a rental mooring field. The Board discussed the issue. The issue will go on a future agenda.

HH mentioned that he spoke to Geoff Semonian, a trap shed tenant. Geoff travels around to various artists' meetings and other associations and he is willing to spread the word about the trap sheds.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini,
PPPC Administrative Coordinator

Kerry Adams, Chair