

Minutes  
Harbor Committee Mtg  
Caucus Room, Town Hall  
Thursday, December 10, 2015

Meeting Called to Order at 4:02pm by Chairman Santos.

- I. Call to order. Members present: John Santos, Laura Ludwig, Victor Seltsam, Susan Avellar; Rex McKinsey (staff). Elise Cozzi and David Flattery (members) excused.
- II. Review/amend/approve minutes.
  - A. Minutes from the November 9th joint meeting with the BOS were reviewed. Victor moved to approve the minutes as-is. Discussion ensued regarding a few minor adjustments to a few items. Laura moved to amend minutes of the 11/9/15 to reflect more accurately these items, and approve them as amended. Victor seconded the motion and all were in favor.
  - B. Minutes from the November 11th meeting were read aloud by John. Victor moved to approve them as read, and Susan seconded the motion. Discussion regarding mooring fees ensued. Susan reported that she has spoken to a member of the BOS since that meeting specifically about mooring fees, recommending keeping level rates for the smaller vessels (<20') at the very least, given that small vessels are traditionally part of the fabric of the waterfront. John recommended that the committee research the issue with boat owners and come back with a solid plan for the BOS to consider within a year. Victor asked whether there is a way to determine the number of non-resident mooring permits; Rex reported that there is no way to sort the permits based on resident status, and Susan said that the state doesn't allow that distinction to be made; however, the data can be sorted by age group (senior status, e.g.).
- III. Public Statements. No public statements.
- IV. Harbormaster Report. Rex reviewed the BOS requests for information regarding mooring rates and regulation of houseboats. Town Manager Panagore has encouraged a more streamlined process, clarifying the committee's role so that it requires less work by staff. John reminded the committee that a vote was taken on 11/11/15 regarding keeping mooring rates flat; but houseboats were not addressed at that meeting. BOS would like our input on both before their January meeting so that a public hearing can be posted for February or March. Staff could attend the January meeting on behalf of the committee, to both recommend looking into the insurance language for houseboats, and continue to request holding a Public Hearing based on the current information; and meantime look closely at mooring fees and how they impact the revenue stream.
- V. Old Business. Kayak racks — Victor spoke to staff at the Provincetown school to request collaboration with the school and its former industrial arts program so those tools could be involved in the construction of new racks. Susan recommended speaking with the Superintendent's office and filing an Equipment Usage Form. Victor will follow up with that so as not to lose the opportunity. Rex suggested getting together after the new year to get the specs together and order all the materials.
- VI. New Business.

- A. Susan offered another goal to the HC's long-term goal list: the protection of vista-views, including not allowing blockage of the right-of-ways either in terms of foot traffic or vista views. Rex suggested that the best way to prevent that from happening is to defer to the DPW's regs, which require full accessibility by trucks.
- B. Laura requested status updates from the Pier Corp regarding the potential for restaurants to use of the Pavilion. Rex reported that the system is going through review with Zoning and/or Building Permit offices.
- C. Susan wondered about moving the day and/or time for the HC meeting so that the meeting is not constrained to one hour (4pm-5pm), given that Rex attends the Pier Corp meeting held directly afterward. John suggested the time constraint benefits the process by keeping the conversation on task; Laura agreed.
- D. John brought up the issue of a shortage in marine gear and boat storage areas. It was suggested that storage rental language be drawn up by the town that is flexible enough to apply to a variety of possible locations, given the seasonality of various lots.

VII. John moved to adjourn; Victor seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.

VIII. Next Meeting will be Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 4pm.