



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 2016
Provincetown Town Hall
Location: Caucus Hall Meeting Room
260 Commercial Street
Time: 4:00 pm

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.

Attendance: Members present: John Santos, Susan Avellar, David Flattery, Victor Seltsam, Laura Ludwig; Elise Cozzi (Alternate), excused. Rex McKinsey (staff). Peter Brown (Public)

II. Review/amend/approve minutes

David moved to accept the minutes for the meetings December 10th. Susan seconded and all were in favor. Susan moved to accept the minutes from January 14. Rex made two slight amendments to the Harbormasters report. John seconded the motion and all were in favor.

III. Public Statements

None

IV. Harbormaster Report

Selectman Donegan sent an email to Staff requesting to postpone the public hearing on mooring fees, in order to discuss the rate raise recommended by the Harbor Committee. The BoS has indicated they believe the rate raise should be higher for all vessels.

There is a public comment period beginning on Feb 10th for Chapter 91 projects, including the wave attenuator. Save Our Shores has indicated that they may oppose the wave attenuator project.

The RFP for the replacement pilings will be issued next week.

V. Old Business: (Discussion may ensue, votes may be taken)

Hazard Signs – signs would be made by DPW and mounted by the Harbormaster's office. Rock piles would be marked, as well as other isolated hazards. (See Groins, under New Business.) Signage at the breakwater in the west end would be useful to point out tide hazards. John and David will talk to Rich Waldo about the signs.

Chapter 91 pending licenses – there are over 100 permit requests pending thru Chapter 91 administered by DEP for properties on the waterfront. The licenses have been in amnesty for years and will help define access to natural resources and property rights. John recommends this committee research the pending licenses to move the process ahead. Susan will look into the old Ch. 91 files. Elise may also be helpful in researching them, having dealt with the regulations for her property. Susan suggested including certain improvements to properties

Kayak Racks – Victor recommends getting together w/ the Bicycle Committee regarding placement of bike racks. They may be considering placing racks in public ROW to the beach (town landings). Town landings are very narrow and need to allow access and egress for emergencies. Working in tandem w/ the Bicycle Cte, we could figure out the best locations for both kayak and bike racks. Their next meeting is Feb. 3 and Rex will try to attend. We have funds through the Harbor Access Funds to build 6 racks which would be for the Ryder Street beach. The builder is Cass Benson.

VI. New Business:

Annual Report – Rex and John have crafted the report and a few edits will be made before it is submitted to Doug.

Groins – marker stones need to be re-set to mark the groins where they've fallen down over the years.

Center for Coastal Studies 40th Birthday Party – Laura reported that CCS would like to hold an event on the wharf on Friday 7/29. Rex recommended attending the Pier Corp meeting to request use of the wharf that day; there may be conflict.

Rowing Regatta – Peter reported that there will be an event here in Provincetown the 2nd weekend of June where high-tech ocean racing boats will hold one of two national events. Sponsored by US Rowing and some local clubs including Provincetown Yacht Club.

VII. Adjourn Laura moved to adjourn at 4:55pm. David seconded and all were

Next HC meeting:

Next tentatively scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 11th at 4:00pm in Town Hall, if needed. John will not be able to attend February meetings.