



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Provincetown Town Hall
Caucus Hall Meeting Room
260 Commercial Street
Time: 5:00 pm

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I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:02pm. Members present: Victor Seltsam, Laura Ludwig, Susan Avellar, John Santos, David Flattery & Elise Cozzi; Rex McKinsey (staff); Rob Casper (member of the public).

S. Avellar, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order and conducted meeting until D. Flattery, Chair, arrived at 5:32.

Rex confirmed that all members could attend bi-weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 5pm from here on out, which will allow us to extend beyond the one-hour meeting timeframe if needed.

II. Review/amend/approve minutes

Elise moved to accept the minutes (as amended) for the meeting on September 15, 2016. Victor seconded and all were in favor.

III. Public Statements

None

IV. Harbormaster Report

The Report closely followed the Old Business/New Business items in the agenda:

Rex compiled email correspondence from various Harbormasters around the Cape (Plymouth, Mattapoisett, Chatham) discussing houseboats in their harbors, prompted by a recent acquisition of a houseboat in Plymouth. Discussions included non-traditional usage, live-aboards, pump-out protocols, permits required (boards of health), using moorings vs. marina slip or anchorage, by-laws banning houseboats, etc.

E. Cozzi recommended we require all houseboats or non-conforming vessels have insurance, which is what our proposed regulation 3-4-6 (Insurance Requirements) covers.

Committee Consolidation -- At the BOS in August it was suggested by a member of the Harbor Committee that there be a separate Kayak committee. V. Seltsam would like to send a survey to all kayak permit holders and may work with the Recreation Dept to do so. Because the town has 44 standing committees already, Selectmen are calling for a joint meeting with Harbor, Shellfish and Pier Corp to discuss merging one or more committees, reflecting interest in consolidation/merging expressed last summer by the BOS in the idea of a "super-committee". There may be other likely committees with interest in the kayak/small boat issues (Recreation, Bicycle, e.g.). There is a concurrent effort on behalf of the Charter Commission to update the town charter, the process of which may further consolidate committees.

Would be beneficial for the consolidation process and for BOS use to craft a concise description of what this committee does that is distinct from Shellfish and Pier Corp, and to make clear our Mission and Authority as presented on the town's website.

Updated Harbor Plan -- Rex enlisted the UHI (Urban Harbor Institute), a consultant specializing in coastal issues and plans, to assist with the process to update the Harbor Plan with a new amendment.

Restoration Project -- Town is discussing the Breakwater restoration project, a project which has been under discussion for over 10 years. A feasibility study was presented to BOS by the ACE last week. A public hearing will be held in the near future.

HC has a joint mtg w/ BOS on Nov 29th and we will need to provide all materials two weeks ahead of time. We will complete our recommendations at our next meeting (Nov 2nd) with a chance to fine-tune on Nov 16th.

IV. Old Business:

Addressed under Harbormaster's Report (Houseboats, insurance, Kayaks and Rec Committee).

VI. New Business:

Addressed under Harbormaster's Report (UHI, Harbor Plan, Long Point Breakwater salt marsh restoration, committee consolidation/coordination).

D. Flattery offered thoughts on the format of meetings going forward, reflecting on the many years of leadership by other members of the committee, in particular the summation given by the outgoing chair (J. Santos). He pointed out the immense amount of work Rex does for our committee, providing us with all the information we need to discuss and make decisions.

He would like to have the committee follow a prescribed formula to increase productivity and efficiency. When a motion is made, and seconded, a vote will be taken after the discussion and then the issue is off the table from that point on. During the New Business segment, the

item is presented as a statement, with no discussion, that will then it could be included on the next meeting's agenda. Each meeting will be limited to three or four topics.

D. Flattery then moved that the small boat rack issue be relegated to the archives. J. Santos seconded. Discussion ensued, wherein the history of the racks was reviewed. S. Avellar called the discussion to question after much discussion which veered from the motion. The motion was passed 4-0-1 (J. Santos had to leave at 6:06pm and did not vote).

VII. Adjourn Susan moved to adjourn at 6:18pm. Victor seconded and all were in favor.

Next HC meeting:

Next tentatively scheduled meeting on Wednesday, November 2, at 5pm in Town Hall.