



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)  
Judge Welsh Room  
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, December 8th, 2016**

**Members Present:** Kerry Adams (KA) (arrived at 4:45 P.M.), Herbie Hintze (HH), Carlos Verde (CV)

**Members Absent:** (GB) Ginny Binder (Call In), (SF) *Scott Frasier (Excused)*

**Other Attendees:** (RM) **Rex McKinsey (excused absence)**, Jarrod Koskey (JK),  
Administrative Assistant, Ray Sturdy III (RS) Pier Business Manager

**Additional Attendees:** (MR) Meribeth Ratzel

**Chair Kerry Adams called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.**

Board Members as well as (RS) & (JK) introduced themselves and titles.

**Public Statements:**

None

**Special Agenda:**

**(KA) introduced the minutes for the joint Board of Selectmen's meeting of November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and asked if any members had any questions. No questions were raised and (CV) made a motion to approve as written.**

**(CV) Motion to Approve (HH) 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**Roll call vote:**

**(CV), (HH), (GB), (KA) - Yes**

**Motion to approve joint Board of Selectmen's Meeting of November 29, 2016 passes as written.**

Discussion regarding the joint Board of Selectmen's Meeting ensued. (GB) commented on the issue of deferred maintenance and her concern is that prolonging the maintenance will result in higher costs at a later date.

(CV) stated that we did as they asked with calling in an engineer and spent \$50,000 for an assessment of the pier and one of the findings from Bourne Engineering is that our maintenance should be approximately up \$23,000 and he continued that we truly cannot raise the rates or find money to offset the cost and since Bourne Engineering proposed a cost of \$812,000 to bring the pier to a proper level of acceptable condition, he felt \$23,000 was a low number compared to the large sum of money we will need to allocate funds for the repairs. He followed up by stating that

by deferring the maintenance to a later date will only cause an increase in cost and will only result in having to raise rates on tenants or find funds elsewhere in the budget and the Board of Selectmen was aware of the budget so being denied the \$23,000 was curious?

(KA) stated that he agreed with (CV) and mentioned that we have the options of asking to have the Harbor Masters 295 budget increased from \$195,000 to \$218,000 and a second option would be to place an article on the Town Warrant for \$23,000 and have an open discussion in front of the Board of Selectmen and FinCom and a third option would be to raise the rates for Commercial Fishing of the 55 vessels at a rate of \$418.19 each. He further stated that getting the 295 budget increased and raising the Commercial Fishing rate would be less likely of being approved so the best option may be to place an Article on the Town Warrant. He stated that if this is presented to the voters we would stand a better chance of receiving the funds.

(CV) stated that the reduction in rent would allow the funds to be available each year as a Warrant would only be a short term solution.

(HH) stated he would like to see a Town Warrant for an abatement of rent for the remainder of the term of the pier.

(KA) and (CV) stated their support of the abatement of rent and (KA) continued that this would have to go before the Board of Selectmen whom would probably not support it but the Town Meeting voters likely would.

(GB) stated that if the true numbers and facts are presented to the voters in conjunction with the impact the pier has on the Town of Provincetown and economy in a way to convey this they would vote in favor. She agrees with (CV) and (KA) on informing the voters of the true facts and what is required to maintain the pier at a level appropriate to continue to benefit the town.

(CV) stated that this money should be allocated strictly for maintenance in the article and this may assist in approval and raising the 295 budget does underestimate and by raising the 295 budget it fails to address the need for the \$23,000 that has been noted as being necessary by Bourne Engineering.

(KA) mentioned the option of continued discussion of the topic at the next meeting or make a motion and move forward.

**Motion made by (HH) to present an article to the voters for an abatement of the rent for the pier for the term of the pier and the funds would be strictly allocated for the purpose of maintenance.**

**Motion (HH)**

**2<sup>ND</sup> (CV)**

**Roll Call Vote**

**(CV) – Yes**

**(GB) – Yes**

**(KA) – Yes**

**(HH) – Yes**

**Motion carries.**

(KA) stated he will write up the article and how it will be presented to the voters. (GB) believes that if this is clearly outlined to the voters and placed it in the proper context, that voters' will approve.

(KA) asked for a motion to move an agenda item out of order and move Meri Ratzel's proposal forward.

**(GB) made a motion to move and address Meri Ratzel's proposal forward.**

**Motion (GB) 2<sup>nd</sup> (HH)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**(HH) - Yes**

**(CV) – Yes**

**(GB) – Yes**

**(KA) - Yes**

**Motion passes.**

(MR) provided an overview of her proposal and explained the Community Profile portion and why this is so important. She believes the need to work on the community profile as it presently fails to project the importance of the fishing industry to the Town of Provincetown.

She then briefly discussed the process of data compilation and that Provincetown is unique in that local seafood in that what is caught here stays here on Cape Cod and is not exported and this impacts the direct economy and if that is lost it will negatively impact the local economy.

She continued with her 3<sup>rd</sup> point she wanted to overview and that is the market study. She stated how locally, we have a very diverse fishery and due to the fact that we have Commercial, recreational and commercial for hire boats and due to the diversity compared to other areas of the state and how this diversity has a very large indirect economic impact on the Town of Provincetown.

(KA) stated that he thinks having this information can truly help in presenting how the fishing industry is a vital part of the Town of Provincetown Cape Cod and Massachusetts.

(MR) mentioned that having this proposal and information will allow us to present a report that has formally been accepted for the amendment process for allocations in the future.

(RS) asked what time frame for the deliverable and (MR) replied she is expecting May.

(KA) asked for a motion to be made regarding paying (MR) for her services.

**(CV) made a motion to approve payment for the Fisheries Management Information, Literature Review and Proposed Market Summary under the supervision of the pier manager in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 in three installments.**

**Motion (CV) 2<sup>nd</sup> (HH)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**(KA) – Yes**

**(HH) – Yes**

**(CV) – Yes**

**(GB) – Yes**



(KA) discussed the two tiers, one being large ships and other being the smaller cruise lines. He mentioned coming up with rates for the smaller cruise ships as they seem to be better received by the Town of Provincetown and also the topic of rates per head.

(CV) discussed how we would like set a fee schedule and would it be based on a flat rate per foot.

(GB) stated she agrees with (CV) and favors a rise in rates based on data gathered on comparable ports.

(RS) stated that those ships <300 ft. would be more suitable for Provincetown

(CV) stated his preference for the manner in which Oak Bluffs sets their rates based on the number of passengers rated for the ship such as what the ship is documented to be at full capacity regardless of the true number of passengers.

(GB) agrees with (CV) but also believes the quantity of time the ship is here should be taken into consideration for rates.

(KA) stated he thinks we have time to give this further consideration and (RS) commented that he does plan to provide more data to aid in this decision.

(CV) asked to place this discussion on the agenda for a future meeting and if (RS) could narrow the data down to similar ports as Provincetown.

(KA) mentioned the annual report should be on track for January.

(KA) discussed date list for 2017 meetings. (CV) was very pleased to be supplied this list.

**Motion to adjourn PPPC Meeting of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 made by (HH)**

**Motion (HH) 2<sup>nd</sup> – (CV)**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**(HH) – Yes**

**(CV) – Yes**

**(GB) – Yes**

**(KA) – Yes**

**Chair (KA) adjourned the PPPC Meeting of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:58 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jarrod Koskey  
PPPC Administrative Assistant

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Kerry Adams, Chair