



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2016
Provincetown Town Hall
Location: Caucus Hall Meeting Room
260 Commercial Street
Time: 5:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

I. Meeting Called to Order @ 5:03pm

Members present: Elise Cozzi, Laura Ludwig, Victor Seltsam, Susan Avellar, David Flattery; John Santos, excused; Rex McKinsey, staff; Steve Wisbauer, staff liaison for Shellfish Commission

II. Review/amend/approve minutes

We reviewed the minutes of the Joint Meeting with the BOS, 11/29/16. Susan corrected several items (changed “permit” to “household” in boat rack fee section on p. 1; corrected Richard Macara’s first name on p. 2; and pointed out that clarification about funding source (Harbor Access Gift Fund) is needed for E. Yingling’s motion to fund the shellfish initiative.

Laura moved to approve the minutes as amended. Victor seconded. Susan abstained until clarification is made. Motion passed 4-0-1.

III. Public Statements

None

IV. Harbormaster Report

Report will be made at the next meeting; some items will come up in the course of the ensuing agenda.

V. Old Business:

Follow-up to Selectmen’s meeting Nov. 29th. Rex distributed the minutes from the Joint Meeting. Merging three committees received a lot of attention, but when it was noted that all three waterfront committees (Shellfish, Pier Corp, Harbor) had full quorum, the merging idea took a back seat. The Harbor Planning Process was

suggested as the guidance for all harbor-connected committees. The vessel insurance regulation was not approved; work continues on that effort. There was dissension also about the deferred maintenance costs projected by the Pier Corps.

Susan was asked by a community member whether the DPW had ever provided pier maintenance; some of the shoreside infrastructure may have been under their purview. An inspection report was made at the meeting which was very helpful. Pier Corps doesn't have enough of a budget to make repairs, and the town does not want to step in with capital funds.

Presentation of Bennett Pier Downweller project was made by Steve W.

At the joint meeting, the BOS approved a \$20k project to be brought forward at Town Meeting. It was discussed that some or all of the project could be funded by HAGF. Steve reviewed the proposed project of pier repair and subsequent installation of a shellfish nursery. This capital improvement project (CIP) was originally brought by the Shellfish Cte to BOS at their request, who suggested bringing it to the Harbor committee to consider approving funding all or some of it.

Discussion ensued regarding the siting, the use, the flexibility of the nursery installation, other possible funding through the county or state, permits, etc. Other funds are being investigated as well.

Susan moved to recommend to the BOS the expenditure not to exceed \$12,000 from the HAGF to be used specifically for repairs of the Bennett Memorial Pier; and in addition vis a vis the request for nursery construction funds recommended that the Shellfish Cte. pursue other funding sources. Laura seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1 (David F. recused himself).

Victor moved to ask the Pier Corps to return the funds recouped through the boat rack permit sales to the HAGF. David seconded for purposes of discussion, which ensued. Rex described the routing of funds internally. Funds are used directly for maintenance of the program. A vote was taken but it did not pass (1-4-0).

VI. New Business:

Annual Report Due in January. Rex will put something together for our next meeting in January including boat racks, regulation changes, UHI, and harbor planning process.

The 2017 meeting schedule was reviewed. Susan moved that we approve the schedule as presented. Elise seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Harbor Plan process preparation will include a visit from the UHI at our January 18th meeting. Rex presented the work matrix from the 2011 amended Harbor Plan, reflecting the 5-yr plan at that time. We have made a lot of progress and will update the matrix to reflect where we are now.

Rex reminded us about the Army Corp presentation of Ecosystem Restoration at the breakwater next Monday (12/12/16) which will review the proposal for the west end dyke.

Victor brought up the idea of installing winter sticks which would allow for winter mooring. There may be issues of liability. We will discuss it during the Harbor Plan process.

Susan moved to Adjourn. Elise seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:28.

Next HC meeting:

Next tentatively scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 5:00pm in Town Hall if needed

Approved at the meeting on March 2, 2017