

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

HARBOR COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 2, 2000

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Members Present: Joyce Guide (Chair), Carla Anderson, David Murphy, Al Davis (left meeting at 5:00 P.M.)

Members Absent: Paul Tasha, John Guerra

Others Present: David Ditacchio (Marine Superintendent), Tony Jackett (Shellfish Constable), Rachel Crosby (Recording Secretary)

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Joyce Guide called the meeting to order @ 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

December 15, 1999 – *Carla Anderson made a motion to approve, David Ditacchio seconded and it was so voted. 4-0, 2 absent (Paul Tasha, John Guerra).*

January 12, 2000 - *Carla Anderson made a motion to approve, David Ditacchio seconded and it was so voted. 4-0, 2 absent (Paul Tasha, John Guerra).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR and OTHER ISSUES

- Letter from Selectman Betty Steele complimenting the Committee on their work on the Pier Project.
- Letter from Assistant Town Manager Winn Davis thanking the Committee for their support on the Pier Project.
- Public Hearing, February 14, on the skiff/dinghy dock.
- Memos concerning the reorganization of Department of Regulatory Management.
- Copy of letter from Ken Learned, Town Treasurer, sent to the Department of Environmental Management, requesting payment from grant funds for harbor access signs.
- AmeriCorp Newsletter article concerning availability of volunteer labor for worthwhile community work activities. Tony Jackett reported he had already arranged to have AmeriCorp volunteers work on various projects.
- The Committee discussed the issues involved in arranging for beach clean-up efforts. *David Murphy moved to ask the Conservation Commission to provide a point person to work with the Harbor Committee on a beach clean-up program, Al Davis seconded.* Al Davis volunteered to act as the Committee's primary contact on this issue. *Carla Anderson moved to amend the motion to ask the Board of Health and the Department of Public Works to also provide personnel to work on beach clean-up issues, Al Davis seconded, and the motion was amended by a vote of 4-0, 2 absent (Paul Tasha, John Guerra).* After discussion, *the main motion, as amended, was passed by a vote of 4-0, 2 absent (Paul Tasha, John Guerra).*
- A meeting of the Building Committee concerning the Pier Project on Feb 10, 2000. Joyce Guide reported that she has volunteered to serve on the Building Committee. *David Murphy moved to send a letter from the Harbor Committee to the Selectmen requesting that Joyce Guide be appointed to the vacancy on the Building Committee, Carla seconded and it was so voted, 4-0, (Paul Tasha, John Guerra).*
- David Ditacchio said that the Finance Committee meeting(s) on Harbor Committee budget items will also be held on February 10th.
- Joyce Guide distributed a draft copy of the Harbor Committee's submission to the Town's 1999 Annual Report .

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE REPORT

Mr. Jackett distributed a several documents, including a copy of the Shellfish Department's submission to the Town's Annual Report, pages from Coastal Aquacultural Supply illustrating various apparatus, and a grant application entitled "Construction of Floats for Experimental Subtidal Growout of Seed in Provincetown Harbor". Mr. Jackett reported on various aspects of the shellfish aquaculture efforts in the harbor and on various grants that were to be received in 2000. He said he was hoping to get official approval to locate an "upweller" aquaculture float in the area between the gas dock and the courtesy float. The Committee discussed concerns with water and harbor bottom pollution. Mr. Ditacchio mentioned possible legal issues in using the proposed area and discussed the alternative of locating the upwellers behind his office. The Committee discussed other possible locations for the upweller floats. The Committee discussed the removal of the old gas tanks under the parking lot. Joyce Guide volunteered to research the status of ownership and legal use the gas dock and the gas tanks. *Carla Anderson made a motion to send a memo to the Board of Health and the Health Agent requesting an update on the chemical analysis of the water in the vicinity of the old fuel dock adjacent to the Municipal Parking Lot, David Murphy seconded, and it was so voted, 3-0, 3 absent (Al Davis, Paul Tasha, John Guerra).*

MARINE SUPERINTENDENT – Report on Skiff/dinghy docks proposal.

David Ditacchio reported on his research on the cost of constructing floating docks. The Committee, by consensus, requested more detailed, written data on the proposed expenditure and discussed alternatives.

MEMBER REPORTS

- Joyce Guide distributed copies of a summary of the bids received for the pier reconstruction project. The bids are being evaluated by FST. Water quality certification will be received by February 15. Joyce Guide discussed the non-construction costs and the various bid options. The Committee discussed the status of the Ready Resource Grant (approval hearing will be held in the near future). The Committee reviewed the project finances in some detail and mentioned the possibility of eliminating some of the project components to reduce the overall expense. The Committee talked about the need to get the input of various concerned parties before making recommendations for cutting components. Also discussed was the possibility of raising additional funds from either Town Meeting or other grant sources.
- Joyce Guide reported on a request from the AAB for a hearing on the disability access on the proposed pier reconstruction.

CHAPTER 91 – Discussion postponed.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee discussed scheduling meetings at regular intervals. Carla Anderson said she would not be available for meetings for the next month to six weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Carla Anderson moved to adjourn at 6:00 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.

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These minutes were approved by a vote of the Harbor Committee members present at their meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2000

Respectfully Submitted:

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Harbor Committee Signature

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Title

**Rachel T. Crosby.**  
On-call secretary