

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN  
HARBOR COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9, 2000**

1:00 p.m.

The following minutes are available on-line as a service and are not the official record due to changes in formatting for the Internet. The minutes may have attachments that are not included here in this format. The official, complete paper copy can be viewed during regular office hours, Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Office of the Town Clerk, 260 Commercial St. Provincetown, MA 02657.

**Members Present:** Al Davis; David Ditacchio (ex-officio); Joyce Guide, Chairman; and Dave Murphy.

**Member Absent:** Carla Anderson (excused absence)  
John Guerra and Paul Tasha (both unexcused absences)

Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of 2/23/00 meeting.
2. Announcements
3. Member Reports
4. Confirm times and dates of future meetings.

The Chairman, Joyce Guide, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Al Davis, in looking over the minutes of the 2/23/00 meeting saw that his absence at that meeting was listed as unexcused. Since he had told the Committee that he would be unable to attend, he wanted the minutes to reflect his absence as an excused one. It was so noted and amended.

**Motion: Dave Murphy made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, as amended. It was seconded by Joyce Guide and approved by all.**

Joyce Guide informed the Committee that Delahunt had sent a letter to the Coast Guard requesting the Provincetown Coast Guard Station be bought up to full status. Joyce also told the group that next Tuesday the Finance Committee (FinCom) was holding a meeting to discuss Article 10 of the April 3, 2000 Special Town Meeting regarding Dinghy Dock Extensions.

The Committee agreed Article 10, as written, should be amended.

**Article 10.** Dinghy Dock Extensions. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Municipal Waterways Improvement Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Marine Superintendent, for dinghy dock extensions, and costs related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Motion: Dave Murphy made a motion to send a memo to the Board of Selectmen (BoS) with a copy to the Town Manager offering an amendment to Article 10 of the Special Town Meeting in order to bring it properly into line with the Harbor Plan.** (The phrase *and the Harbor Committee* immediately following Marine Superintendent would be added to the Article.) **The motion passed unanimously.**

Next, Joyce Guide asked David Ditacchio if he had sent a memo to the Ethics Commission as voted as a motion at the last meeting regarding his operating a commercial vessel. David D. took exception to the request and said he had already addressed the issue with both Keith Bergman, as well as his immediate supervisor, Chief Anthony. David Ditacchio told the Committee that the Town Manager had asked the Harbor Committee to comment on Article 10 – Skiff/Dinghy Dock and Article 35 – Personal Watercraft.

Article 17. of the Special Town Meeting then came under discussion:

**Article 17. Removal of Underground Storage Tanks from MPL Gas Dock.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$24,825, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works, for removal of the underground storage tanks for the MPL Gas Dock, and costs related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Al Davis commented that since the ownership and responsibility for the removal is in litigation, why not have both

parties, i.e. John Bennett and Town of Provincetown each post a bond guaranteeing the full amount. Once the court decides who the responsible party is, then the amount shall be paid from the bond or escrow.

Dave Murphy felt since the recent tests proved clear, the Harbor Committee should not get involved

Articles 33 and 34. of the Annual Town Meeting was discussed next.

**Article 33. Former Fire Station No. 2 as Comfort Stations.**

**Article 34. Former Fire Station No. 2 as Beach Access.**

After much conversation it was decided that Dave Murphy would research relevant parts of the Harbor Plan as they refer to Town Landings. Subject to be continued at next meeting.

Article 35 discussion was next on the docket.

**Article 35. Resolution on Prohibition of Personal Water Craft in Provincetown Harbor.**

David D. told the Committee that the Town Manager had asked the Harbor Committee for its input on the Article. The Committee, after careful thought, decided it had no specific recommendation but felt Article 35 appears to request a polling of the electorate's sentiment on the issue of personal water craft in Provincetown's harbor. The Committee will take under advisement the wishes of the people after the Town Meeting.

David Ditacchio told the group that water users on the finger piers will be charged for water after July 1<sup>st</sup>. He wondered if he would have the manpower to monitor usage and different solutions were suggested. None of the suggestions were binding.

**Motion: Dave Murphy moved that the Committee send a memo to the FinCom regarding Article 10 of the Special Town Meeting since they are meeting on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The memo would suggest the aforementioned amendment to the article as well as provide justification for the \$5K expenditure. It was seconded and approved unanimously.**

**Motion: Al Davis made a motion to move the meeting times back to 4:00 p.m. It was seconded and approved unanimously.**

**THE NEXT MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 3/22, 4/5, AND 4/19 AT 4:00 P.M.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano