

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
HARBOR COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2000**

4:00 p.m.

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Members Present: **Carla Anderson** (arrived at 4:15p); **Mel Cote**; **Al Davis** (left at 5:15p);
David Ditacchio, ex-officio (left before 5:00p); **Joyce Guide, Chairman**
(left at 5:07p); **and Rex McKinsey**

Member Absent: **Sheila LaMontagne** (excused)

AGENDA:

Approval of minutes
Discussion – Harbor Regulations hearing
Old Business
New Business:
Set Time and Date for next meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Motion: Mel Cote made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14th meeting as written. Al Davis seconded it and it passed unanimously. 4-0

Al Davis, referring to the December 4th minutes said he had been excused. It was agreed.

Motion: Mel Cote made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4th meeting as amended (Al Davis had been an excused absence). Rex McKinsey seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

There were four fishermen in the audience and the Chairperson asked if any of them cared to speak under Public Statements? One of the four stood up and identified himself as Philip Michaud, a fishing boat owner. He wanted to speak regarding the harbor regulation #1-3-4 and its reference to the 14-day restriction. He was comfortable with the regulation as long as the present Marine Superintendent was in charge; he feared how the regulation would be interpreted with the Pier Corporation in charge. Mr. Michaud was assured that the Pier Corporation would have its own regulations and long before the new regulations were adopted there would be well-advertised public hearings on them.

Harbor Committee members also said they would see to it that any notices having to do with fisheries would be posted in the Marine Superintendent's office thus eliminating the need for the fishermen to continue checking the posting board in the Town Hall. Carla Anderson promised them, too, that a list of the fishermen would be compiled and they would be personally informed of any anticipated changes. **Mr. Michaud's phone number is 487-5903.**

Items 3 and 22 from the Harbor Regulations were discussed and it was determined that any changes would have to go through the whole process again. Rex McKinsey said he'd like to put the entire matter to bed!

Motion: Carla Anderson made a motion to accept the Board of Selectmen's (BoS) recommendations regarding items 3 and 22 and the Harbor Committee will readdress these items at the next round of updating the Harbor Regulations. Rex McKinsey seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. 5-0

Joyce Guide, speaking to the enormous amount of work the chairmanship requires, asked the group for volunteers to the offices of Vice Chairman and Clerk. Carla Anderson said she couldn't possibly because she was busy enough with the Nominating Committee for the Pier Management and with Chapter 91 issues. Joyce said Sheila LaMontagne had volunteered to help providing it was with e-mail. All agreed that this would be a solution for now and, because Sheila doesn't have a computer in the summer, Rex said he'd take over helping at that time.

Carla Anderson then took over explaining her hand-outs and proposed motions which would require memos sent to others:

Motion: Carla Anderson moved that the Harbor Committee seek funds through the Visitors Services Board, under their allocation for beautification, for the replenishment of pooper scooper bags at various Town Landings and other Beach Access areas. Rex McKinsey seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Mel Cote will follow-up with memo to David Guertin asking for estimate of dollar amount and then preparing the application to the VSB and delivering it to Pat Fitzpatrick.)

Motion: Carla Anderson moved that the Harbor Committee send a memo to the Provincetown Conservation Commission requesting permission to remove signs at all Town Landings and Beach Access areas which refer to the "Beach Sticker" program. Also a memo and cc to DEP requesting cost for sign removal. Al Davis seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. (Joyce thought it would be better to have a conversation with the Conservation Commission (ConCom) before sending them a memo. Rex said he would personally call John Bennett, Chair of the ConCom regarding the beach stickers.)

Carla said that resident Lee Ash, who has visited our committee before, is the owner of the web domain *Provincetownharbor.com*. Ms. Ash has offered to donate the use of the domain name to the Harbor Committee for the purposes of public relations about various waterfront activities and beach access improvements. Joyce wondered if there were a monthly charge that went with having a web page. Carla said it was absolutely free. Also, Carla was asked by another member of the Committee what she proposed putting on the web site. She replied that there would be pictures of the different access areas, harbor shots, etc. and Carla would be more than willing to take on the responsibility of updating it.

Motion: Carla Anderson moved that the Committee accept the donation and sent a thank you note to Ms. Ash. Rex McKinsey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 5-0.

Carla next told the group that she had just seen a memo from Orleans regarding jet skis and/or personal watercraft. Orleans is contemplating banning them and eventually she feels all Cape towns will as well. Carla wanted to know if there were any volunteers who wanted to attend the meetings currently being held so that they could update the Committee on decisions. There were no volunteers.

Carla, continuing, wanted a discussion on Harbor Committee goals and handed out a list of Town Landings she had compiled for perusal. She wants the next meeting to have a town landing discussion. Joyce would like to make Chapter 91 a priority for 2001. Carla, getting back to the landings, said the BoS would like improvements to the landings costed out. Al Davis wanted to know if anyone had ever done a marketing study of the value of the fish that is landed at the pier on an every day, year long basis? He was assured that the Pier Corporation would glean this information. Joyce said the Harbor Plan had to be updated before prioritizing could happen.

Rex McKinsey addressed the Committee on his efforts on mapping the harbor. Next Wednesday he is going to get the GPS coordinates and he will need to include David Ditacchio on line before David starts selling moorings for 2001. Rex feels the mapping will prove his theory that there are quite a few "dead" or "abandoned" moorings in the southwest section of the harbor. Rex further said that he has tried lining up with the Coast Guard chart and they wind up having two different data fields.

Rex, continued, he had a conversation with Stephan Nofield regarding tuna pens and related aquaculture ventures. There are many issues related to aquatic farming and he wants to discuss some of them with Stephan. Carla said there's also a huge shift in botanicals for pharmaceuticals; it suggests a large potential for yet another harbor usage.

Al Davis said he agreed with the tuna pens initially but isn't so sure about the strobe lights that will be needed to mark the pens. Al said his purpose for being on the Harbor Committee is to protect the land-based people and if he lived in the West End he would find the constant strobe lights very upsetting.

Carla, addressing the two remaining members of the Committee, said the purpose of talking to Stephan Nofield should be to create a fee structure for the harbor. After talking with Gwen Billig during the pier check presentation, Carla learned that Provincetown was the only port on Cape Cod where people could still come for a mooring; all the other harbors had long waiting lists. Carla continued, we will eventually have to zone the harbor. Rex agreed and said once the mapping comes together then the Harbor Committee will address problems with zoning.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2001 AT 4:00 P.M.

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made at 5:26 p.m., seconded and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Gaudiano

Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by Sheila LaMontagne, clerk Harbor Committee

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