

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

HARBOR COMMITTEE

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Minutes of regular meeting January 3, 2001. Prepared by committee member
Carla Anderson.

Members Present: Joyce Guide-Chairperson, Rex McKinsey, Al Davis, Sheila LaMontagne, Mel Cote – Alternate, Chad DeLima – Marine Dept. representative.

Members Absent : 0

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Guide at 4 p.m.

Rex McKinsey moved to accept the minutes of the 12/14/00 regular meeting. Al Davis seconded the motion. During discussion Sheila LaMontagne commented that a sentence which refers to her living out of town is inaccurate and should be corrected. Committee voted 5-0 to accept the minutes with corrections.

Joyce updated the committee on the Pier Construction project. Susan Whitaker, the clerk-of-the-works for the project, will be issuing weekly reports. Joyce will distribute those via email to all members. Also, the decision has been made to build the Tee section of the new pier first. This will reduce disruption to fish offloading and other user activities during the reconstruction. The current fish offload company will remain where it is until the Tee section is built. Then fish space 1 on the Tee will be put out to bid on a one-year lease.

Joyce also updated the committee on the portion of the dredging that will be performed east of the pier. The Barnstable County dredge will do this work. They will pump 11,000 cubic yards of sand through 8400 feet of pipe to the East End in the vicinity of the Best Inn. Joyce and any other interested member will meet with Berta Romano, Civil Defense Volunteer on the beach to determine a more exact location for the sand.

Chad DeLima added that the few active moorings along the East Side of the pier will be relocated at no cost to the mooring owner.

Al Davis commented that recent windstorms have caused a great deal of erosion in the area of Howland Street and immediately west. The committee agreed to monitor beach erosion so that future dredge projects can be targeted to address any problems.

Joyce updated the committee on the changing role of the Building Committee as it relates to the pier project. During the pier construction period the Building Committee's charter limits activity to the approval of payment vouchers and review of change orders.. All other issues that require committee attention will be brought to the Harbor Committee. The committee agreed to be available for meetings with staff, as needed, throughout the pier reconstruction.

The committee then began reviewing the goals set last August to summarize and prioritize what further actions can and should be taken in the coming months. The following is a summary of the goals review:

Town Landings: (All members)

Rex McKinsey presented the committee with a situational summary of each Town Landing. The summary was made on 12/20/00 when he visited each of the landings with Stephen McKenna of Coastal Zone Management. CZM is GPS mapping the landings as part of the overall harbor-mapping project. There was considerable discussion about the need for access signage from landside as well as waterside.

Rex McKinsey moved that each committee member visit all Town Landings and bring suggestions for

prioritizing the work to be done. Al Davis seconded the motion and the committee voted 5-0 in favor. Town Landing improvements will be an agenda item for the 1/16/01 and the 2/6/01 meeting.

Chapter 91/ Beach Access: (Carla Anderson)

Carla Anderson reminded the group that further decisions will be required on the Benefit Fulfillment Program. This is a new program where certain items specified in the harbor plan for on-site benefits are facilitated through the Town Department of Public Works. The Harbor Committee will need to decide on a design for each of the items. This work can be done anytime within the next 4-6 months. Carla Anderson also informed the group she was meeting with DEP on 1/4/01 and that DEP is ready to move forward in processing the numerous amnesty applications that are on file.

The committee agreed to begin implementation of the beach access portion of the harbor plan. The committee set aside one meeting each month to participate in public hearings for Chapter 91 licenses. Dates during the winter season when a quorum will be present are: 2/21, 3/21 and 4/18/2001. The tentative schedule is to have a work session for regular business for 30 minutes prior to the start of the Chapter 91 hearing. Joyce will confirm that a recording secretary is available for those dates.

Sewer Outfall Replacement Program: (Sheila LaMontange)

Joyce informed the committee that DPW is not available to install new outfall equipment during 2001. **The committee agreed to spend 2001 researching and preparing complete documentation required for funding. Grants will be applied for in a manner such that installations can begin early in 2002.**

GPS Harbor Map: (Rex McKinsey)

During the next 2 months Coastal Zone Management will upgrade the database in the Harbor master's office for integrated record keeping. This is being done at no cost to the Town. In late spring mapping of the harbor west of the Coast Guard Pier will continue. **The new GPS map of the harbor will be completed in 2001. The new record keeping system for mooring and shellfish permits will also be completed in 2001.**

Harbor Zoning / Natural Resource Protection: (All members)

The committee discussed and generally agreed that although this was not named earlier as a goal for the coming months that the issue of future harbor uses must be discussed. The committee is already aware of one pending application for a Tuna Holding Pen. Rex McKinsey informed the committee that Flyer's Boatyard has filed an application with the Army Corp of Engineers to expand their rental mooring field by 50 moorings. Chad DeLima informed the committee that, to date, there are approximately 40 new applications for private moorings and that number is expected to increase substantially before the onset of summer.

The committee agreed to schedule the Tuna Pen project for informational discussion by the end of March 2001. The committee further agreed to schedule a discussion on future harbor uses no later than May 2001. In the meantime, the Marine Department will track new mooring applications so growth rates can be monitored and considered.

That concludes the goal summary. *****

Al Davis updated the committee on the new beach access plaques. More are being fabricated and DPW is installing the post and signs throughout the winter season.

Joyce handed out draft copies of the annual report and asked all members to provide comments to her via email no later than 1/9/2001.

The next meeting of the Harbor Committee is set for 1/16/01 at 4 p.m. in Town Hall. The main agenda item is Town Landing improvements.

Sheila LaMontange moved to adjourn. Al Davis seconded the motion. By a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes approved at the January 16, 2001 meeting. Sheila LaMontagne, Clerk