

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

HARBOR COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2001

Meeting Held in Town Hall

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Members Present: Joyce Guide (Chair), Carla Anderson, Sheila LaMontagne, Mel Cote (Alternate)

Members Absent: Rex McKinsey (excused), Al Davis

Others Present: Rachel Crosby (Recording Secretary)

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Joyce Guide called the meeting to order @ 4:07 P.M.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None

MISCELLANEOUS

Chair Joyce Guide referred to and discussed the following with the Committee:

- Meeting of the Building Committee earlier today which many fishermen attended. Several spoke with concerns about the Pier Project. There is another meeting this evening between Congressman Mark Forrest and the fishermen.
- Letter received by the Provincetown Board of Selectmen from the Harwich Board of Selectmen concerning the possibility of large factory fishing vessels fishing in Cape Cod Bay.
- Weekly report from Susan Whittaker, Resident Engineer for the Pier Construction Project.
- Memo from Town of Orleans concerning Personal Watercraft. The Committee discussed the need to have someone on the Committee take this issue as an area of responsibility and the need to gather more information. Sheila LaMontagne volunteered to be the Committee's Personal Watercraft expert.

APPROVE MINUTES

January 3, 2001 – Carla Anderson moved to accept with corrections, Mel Cote seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.

DISCUSSION – HARBOR PLAN UPDATE

- **Visitations to Town Landings** – Carla Anderson confirmed there is still a beach sticker program which allows vehicles to drive on the Town beaches. Signs currently in use are poorly worded and designed. Carla Anderson will be getting data from the Department of Regulatory Management concerning which beach access points are being used and with what frequency. Signs will be changed to conform with themes of the new signs in use in town. May need to have public input on sign design. The Committee agreed that there should only be one type of sign with a uniform design for various purposes. The Committee agreed that Town Landing signs needed to be clearly visible on or from Commercial Street.

Carla Anderson distributed materials relative to potential sign designs, locations, etc. and discussed them with the Committee. The Committee agreed that it was preferable to paint signs on the roadway surface wherever possible (as opposed to mounting them on posts).

- ◆ Dewey Ave – No Town Landing sign. Marked as private way. Beach sticker sign. Need to determine if it is a Town Landing. No designated parking.
- ◆ Kendall Lane – Town landing sign parallel to Commercial Street. Has various other signs and a fire hydrant. Has pooper scooper dispenser and trash can. The Committee discussed procedures for changing

the Harbor Plan recommendations. The Harbor Plan recommendations for Kendall Lane were discussed as follows:

1. Recommendation to improve paving was dismissed as being impractical.
2. A conventional bicycle rack would encroach into the landing space, but alternative designs might work.
3. Recommendation for a dinghy tie-up post was dismissed as impractical.
4. The Committee agreed with the recommendation to add sand fill via beach nourishment.
5. Recommendation to expand the right-of-way was postponed until actual dimensions of landing can be determined.
6. The recommendation concerning the storm drainpipe was changed to say that the storm drain system needed to be upgraded.

◆ Washington Avenue – Town landing sign, poop the scoop, leash sign and garbage can are present. No signs on Commercial Street. Garbage and boats were blocking right-of-way. The Harbor Plan recommendations were discussed as follows:

1. Recommendation for dinghy tie-up post was approved.
2. Can install a bench on the beach. Trash receptacles are also possible.
3. Recommendation to improve view corridor is confusing. Corridor should be kept clear (should be true for all landings). Recommendation needs to be defined/quantified.
4. Actual dimensions and property lines need to be determined.

◆ Pearl Street – no signs on Commercial Street. Signs: Poop the scoop, leash, Town landing, beach sticker. Has storm drain.

Harbor Plan recommendations were discussed as follows:

1. Bicycle rack was approved.
2. Small deck and/or benches are also possible.
3. The recommendation concerning the storm drainpipe was changed to say that the storm drain system needed to be upgraded.
4. Public access will be 24 hours per day.
5. Regulation of parking recommendation was approved.

◆ Johnson Street – No signs on Commercial Street. Existing signs: Conservation Commission, leash, and others. Two pay phones, plastic bag dispenser, trash barrel. Many parking spots. Brush needs to be removed from end of sidewalk. Pilings on beach need to be cleared. Beach sticker access allowed.

Harbor Plan recommendations were discussed as follows:

1. Restriping parking lot was seen as a long-term project needing further study.
2. Boat ramp possibility. Money may be available from State, but would require the creation of boat trailer parking. Abutters would be strenuously opposed. Court Street was discussed as an alternate mid-town boat ramp location.
3. Sidewalk improvements. Should be made to the beach, including brush removal.
4. Truck beach access point. Agreed to by the Committee.
5. Dinghy post. Could be several tie-up posts.
6. Benches and bike racks should also be installed.

◆ Municipal Parking Lot – discussion postponed while Pier is under construction.

◆ Freeman Street – No signs on Commercial Street. Garbage cans and storm drain in place. Pilings should be removed along with old metal gate. Needs general cleaning of debris. As part of Chapter 91 license procedures, properties on either side will be required to obtain a certified site survey. Lands End Marine will be connecting its two buildings, eliminating traffic on town landing from parking lot.

Harbor Plan recommendations were discussed as follows:

1. Actual dimensions and property lines need to be determined.
2. Special Paving – extend from existing to beach.
3. Landscaping and benches. Could be provided near area of metal gate.
4. Bike racks to be installed.
5. Improve view corridor.
6. Install and/or convert existing pilings to posts for dinghy tie-ups.

- **Public Access Points** – the Committee discussed the following: 749 Commercial, 690 Commercial, and 674 Commercial Street. The private fence and deck at 674 Commercial was discussed in some detail.
- Carla Anderson distributed documents outlining her recommendations for utilizing the boat excise tax revenues. Concerning improvements to the West End Parking Lot and Boat Ramp, she recommended spending excise fund to have floats installed where boats could tie up while waiting to use the ramp. Some of the old pilings from Pier

Project could be reused at this site. She also recommended putting blue dots on dinghy tie-up posts to identify these locations to boaters on the water.

CHAPTER 91 UPDATE

Carla Anderson reviewed the history of Pepe’s Restaurant application. DEP wants to use the Pepe’s public hearing as a public meeting. DEP will be present to make a presentation on Chapter 91 procedures and requirements. DEP will conduct public hearings during a two-day period in March.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

MEMBER REPORTS

- None

Joyce Guide distributed a revised meeting schedule. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2001 at 4:00 P.M. Location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Mel Cote 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 at their meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_

Respectfully Submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Rachel T. Crosby,*  
Harbor Committee Signature      Title On-call secretary