

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

HARBOR COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2001

Meeting Held in Town Hall

Members Present: Joyce Guide (Chair), Mel Cote, Carla Anderson, Rex McKinsey, Al Davis

Members Absent: Sheila LaMontagne (excused)

Others Present: Tony Jackett (Shellfish Constable), Dan Tesini and Curt Schoimme from Americorp, Rachel Crosby (Recording Secretary)

REGULAR MEETING

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None

APPROVE MINUTES

February 21, 2001 – *Mel Cote moved to accept as written, Carla Anderson seconded and it was so voted, 4-0, 1 abstain (Al Davis).*

DISCUSSION WITH SHELLFISH CONSTABLE TONY JACKETT

Mr. Jackett introduced Dan Tesini and Curt Schoimme from Americorp in Truro and gave a brief overview of the Americorp activities in Provincetown to-date. In particular, discussion included the upweller floats that might be installed near the Pier and the GPS mapping project.

Dan Tesini made a presentation on the Americorp Coastal Access improvement program and said that Americorp was very interested in having Provincetown become a service partner. Dan described the details of how such a partnership would be established. Data would be gathered via a questionnaire to determine Provincetown's needs and then compiled into a proposal. After reviewing proposals from towns on the Cape, Americorp will select several proposals, and if Provincetown is selected, work will be completed sometime between April and July. The Americorp Coastal Access Committee will be meeting on March 26, 2001 to review proposals.

The Harbor Committee discussed various projects that Americorp might take on, including historical research on deeds, boundaries, etc. for town landings and right-of-ways. Dan clarified that it might be difficult for the Americorp Coastal Access team to devote the amount of time needed for such a research project. Tony Jackett suggested that a volunteer he is already working with might be able to use some of her time for deed research.

Carla Anderson suggested using the Americorp Coastal Access Team for near future projects like installing dinghy tie-up posts at Town landings. The Harbor Committee could then submit a long-term project proposal for deed research to Americorp. Rex McKinsey suggested that the Team could also be utilized to spray signage on the streets as well as installing the new, redesigned signs on posts at the landings. Dan Tesini mentioned that Americorp has constructed interpretative displays for installation at selected sites.

Tony Jackett distributed and explained a printout showing the results of the Harbor water sampling program. The Committee also discussed the GPS project with Mr. Jackett and some of the future plans for the Harbor.

CHAPTER 91 – FINAL RECOMMENDATION – Berg Family Trust

The Committee discussed a draft set of recommendations, including the following topics:

- How to provide handicapped access from the parking lot to the beach.

- Whether DEP will edit or comment upon the Committee's recommendations before conveying them to the property owner.
- How the Committee will guarantee that signs installed by the property owners will meet the Town-wide standards.
- Need to get proper wording from DEP concerning the quality and accuracy of the required property survey.
- Need to create a list of approved signs, benches, lights, trash receptacles, etc. for use by all Chapter 91 licensees. By consensus, the Committee agreed to try and create such a list by May 1st.

CHAPTER 91 – Committee Comments concerning February 21, 2001 Meeting with DEP

By consensus, the Committee agreed that it was a good meeting and that DEP representative Magda Pavlak handled the audience well. Town staff has recommended creating an office in town for use by Ms Pavlak to meet with concerned property owners. The Committee discussed whether there would be any properties ready for public hearing on March 20, 2001. If not, the Committee will review existing licenses with DEP-identified non-compliance issues. DEP is waiting for comments from the Town on the existing license problems before sending out non-compliance letters (with the exception of Whaler's Wharf and the Crown & Anchor, which have already received letters). The Committee discussed how they will be kept informed of DEP's activities concerning cases of non-compliance.

DISCUSSION - Draft Town Landing Recommendation Summary

The Committee discussed the following topics:

- Recommendations for **ALL** landings include: installing trash receptacles and appropriate signage.
- **Dewey Avenue** – add recommendation that a determination be made as to whether this is an official town landing. If it is, needs to have appropriate signage.
- **Kendall Lane** – The first recommendation should be to define accurate property boundaries to determine whether the landing has been encroached upon. Change recommendation to require installation of bike rack with space-saving design. Long term goals are: dinghy tie-up, beach nourishment, and upgrade storm-drain system.
- **Washington Avenue** - The first recommendation should be to define accurate property boundaries to determine whether the landing has been encroached upon. Clarify recommendation to improve view corridor by adding requirement to "remove obstacles". Bench is not recommended. Install dinghy tie-up post.
- **Pearl Street** - The first recommendation should be to define accurate property boundaries to determine whether the landing has been encroached upon. Install small deck with benches over storm drain, also bike rack and dinghy tie-up post. No Parking area to be clearly delineated. Long term goal is to upgrade storm-drain system.
- **Johnson Street** - The first recommendation should be to define accurate property boundaries to determine whether the landing has been encroached upon. Delete reference to boat ramp. Install dinghy tie-up(s), benches, bike rack. Recommend as truck beach access point. Long-term goal(s): restripe parking lot, remove lighting pole and relocate pay-phone.

OLD BUSINESS – Joyce Guide distributed the following:

- Copy of Mr. Bergman's email reply to the Committee's invitation to attend their meeting.
- Letter from Waterways Division of DEP concerning Barnstable County Dredging contract.
- FS&T recommendations on Pier Project pile testing procedures.
- Memos from Mr. Bergman to the Town Finance Committee concerning the Memo of Understanding reached with Fisherman's Association.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

MEMBER REPORTS

- Carla Anderson referred to and discussed the proposed Harbor webpage addition to Town's website. The page will contain information on the Harbor Regulations and other Harbor related issues and news.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2001 at 5:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Rex McKinsey moved to adjourn at 6:10 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 \_\_\_\_\_,  
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Respectfully Submitted:

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Harbor Committee Signature

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Title

*Rachel T. Crosby,*  
On-call secretary