

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

## HARBOR COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2001

### Meeting Held in Town Hall

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Chad DeLima (Marine Superintendent), Rachel Crosby (Recording Secretary)

### REGULAR MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Carla Anderson called the meeting to order @ 5:00 P.M.

#### PUBLIC STATEMENTS

None

#### APPROVE MINUTES

**June 12, 2001** – *Mel Cote moved to accept with a minor correction, Al Davis seconded and it was so voted, 5-0, 1 abstain (Rex McKinsey).*

#### MARINE DEPARTMENT UPDATE –

Chad DeLima reported on the following:

**Dinghy Dock** – will be moved tomorrow to Pier beach for disassembly. Four floats will be then moved to the West End Boat Ramp area, which has been prepared to anchor the floats. The Committee discussed how to get the Whydah Museum to provide dinghy tie-up space as required by Chapter 91. Chad DeLima will write a letter to the Whydah Museum about this issue.

**Harbor Brochure** – is still at the printers.

**Other** –

the used gangway has been purchased. The Committee discussed the possibility of using the gangway at the West End float installation.

The Committee discussed the pile driving noise issue and the future use of the vibrating hammer.

Chad is still working on acquiring the surplus Coast Guard boat.

The Board of Selectmen recently allowed a transfer of ownership for a float space from an individual to a corporation.

#### CHAPTER 91 UPDATE

**345A Commercial St.** – Carla Anderson reported on the progress on this license. She referred to a site map prepared

Coastal Engineering, dated January 12, 2001. She discussed the dune grass planting recommendation, as well as the installation of benches and informational signage. The public will not be encouraged to use the dune area so as to prevent environmental destruction. There will be no public access to the beach from Commercial Street. The condominium association will have to buy the trash receptacle and empty it regularly. The Committee discussed whether the specs for the trash receptacle and the bench should be defined by the Harbor Committee.

**Upcoming DEP visit to Town** – on July 18<sup>th</sup> DEP will be holding meetings with property owners, as well as reviewing several instances of non-compliance with Chapter 91 requirements.

**Benefit Specification Writing** – Carla Anderson referred to and discussed a draft document entitled “Specifications and Guidelines for Chapter 91 On-Site Public Benefits” dated June 12, 2001. The Committee continued the discussion about the extent that the Harbor Committee should dictate specifications for items such as bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, lights and signage. Al Davis suggested modifying the document so that the specifications were considered “suggestions” rather than requirements. Joyce Guide pointed out that the document now only made recommendations and that the Committee would not be enforcing them. Carla Anderson suggested refining the specifications and then holding a public hearing to gather community input. Committee will review the specifications and discuss them in detail at their next meeting.

### **BEACH MAINTENANCE UPDATE –**

Americorp Service Day in the Cove 7/28/01 – Rex McKinsey reported on this upcoming event.

Americorp Service Day, Dinghy Posts 8/4/01 – Carla Anderson reported on this upcoming event.

### **DRAFT MACMILLAN PIER BEACH MAINTENANCE PLAN –**

**gress Update** – David Guertin has reported that several property owners have requested a Maintenance Plan to clean seaweed and other natural debris from the beach near MacMillan Pier. The Health Committee recently voted against a draft Plan requiring the mechanical removal of seaweed. The area governed by any Plan needs to be clearly defined. Carla Anderson referred to a letter from Jim McGowan, dated July 5, 2001, to the Town Manager and others containing 7 specific items the Beach Management Plan “must include”. Carla Anderson has asked DEP to clarify items in the attached settlement agreement previously reached with Mr. McGowan and others concerning the Pier Project. The Committee reviewed Mr. McGowan’s letter in some detail. Carla Anderson also explained the differences between her draft Plan and the draft Plan prepared by Mr. Latour, Assistant Town Manager, particularly concerning the area governed by the Plan.

McKinsey left the meeting at 6:08 PM.

la Anderson and the Committee reviewed her draft document concerning a “seaweed policy”, which would apply to all beaches in Town. Also discussed: the possibility of getting DPW staff to clean the beaches; how and when private citizens can remove seaweed; how and by whom the seaweed policy can be revised; how a health, environmental or navigation hazard will be determined. The Committee will discuss the policy further at another meeting.

Davis left the meeting at 6:25 PM.

### **MEMBER REPORTS –**

- **Joyce Guide:** reported on the possibility for State reimbursement for the new Pier storm drainage system. Reimbursement will return a large amount of money to the Pier Project budget. Joyce Guide also discussed how storm drainage issues at other locations should be prioritized

### **OTHER BUSINESS –**

- None

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at 5:00 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Joyce Guide moved to adjourn at 6:32 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\_\_

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*Rachel T. Crosby,*

Harbor Committee Signature

Title

On-call secretary

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