

# TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

## HARBOR COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2001

#### Meeting Held in Town Hall

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

**Members Absent:** Rex McKinsey

**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

**July 10, 2001 – postponed.**

#### APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS FOR BEACH SIGNS –

- **Town landing and Private properties** – Carla Anderson reported that property owners are requesting sign specifications. She presented sample signs for the Committee's consideration. The signs utilize easily recognized symbols and complement other local signage and include the new Town logo. Carla Anderson reviewed the sign specification guidelines already considered by the Committee. Property owners can obtain the signs from any source, but they must meet the specifications. The Committee discussed whether the signs on private property could be reduced in size, agreeing that such a reduction would be appropriate. The Committee also approved adding wording at the bottom of the signs thanking viewers for keeping the beach and Harbor clean.  
*Joyce Guide moved to accept the two sample signs as printed, as well as the sign specifications, Al Davis seconded and it was so voted, 5-0.*

#### CHAPTER 91 UPDATE

- **Whydah Museum (Marine Dept.)** – Chad DeLima reported that Mr. Clifford has complained about the lack of space near the Whydah vessel, saying he does not have enough room to maneuver safely. Chad Delima commented that the Whydah is actually not permitted to dock under their Chapter 91 license. Carla Anderson said that she would recommend that the DEP representative do a site visit the next time she is in town.
- **Upcoming Chapter 91 Public Hearings** – Carla Anderson reported on the properties that are scheduled for hearings next Thursday.

#### MARINE DEPARTMENT ISSUES

- **Flyer's Moorings** – Chad DeLima reported that the Marine Department was still counting the number of moorings to see if Flyer's Boatyard is exceeding the number for which they have permits. Flyer's currently has permits for 55 moorings. The mooring count will be done sometime this week and if it is determined that Flyer is exceeding his limit, he will receive a violation notice. There are several possible options, including levying fines, completely removing the extra moorings or simply removing the floats and dropping the chains. Chad Delima reported that Flyer is also apparently not numbering his moorings correctly.
- **Provincetown Express Ferry Docking** – Sheila LaMontagne reported that she felt that the ferry pilot maneuvered recklessly in a recent crossing from Boston and then had great difficulty in docking at MacMillan Pier, with the result the boarding ramp was set at a very steep angle, making disembarkation very dangerous. Apparently the pilot

is new. The Committee discussed whether the Marine Superintendent could issue citation for reckless operation. Mr. Delima reported that he had no jurisdiction over a documented vessel. Al Davis suggested calling the Ferry company to lodge a complaint.

- **Dinghy Dock at West End Beach** – Chad Delima reported that public reaction to the installation of the dock has been extremely positive.

#### **BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE –**

- Carla Anderson updated the progress in establishing this plan. A meeting was held recently with concerned property owners and citizens. Twelve points of agreement reached at the meeting were submitted to and approved by the Board of Selectmen. The area of concern will be defined as the entire beach. Carla Anderson read the other points of agreement. DPW had been directed by the Board of Selectmen to clean the area between Johnson Street and the Pier once a week. Carla Anderson reported on a meeting with Assistant Town Manager Mark Latour and Joyce Guide on the Beach Management Plan and distributed copies of a memo summarizing the results of that meeting.

#### **AMERICORP UPDATES –**

- **Beach clean-up, dinghy posts, historic rights of way** – Mel Cote reported on the clean-up near the Provincetown Inn, saying that a large amount of debris had been removed. Carla Anderson reported that the installation of the dinghy posts had been delayed due to weather. Because Americorp does not have any more days available this summer, community volunteers may be needed to complete the installation. Carla Anderson reported that she had sent a thank-you note to the Americorp workers. She also reported that the Town will be approved for 400 hours of service by Americorp to research the historic beach rights of way next year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS –**

- **Personal Watercraft (Jet Skis)** – Sheila LaMontagne asked about the ban on jet skis and Carla Anderson explained that the State had determined that local bans were not enforceable. Legislators and concerned citizens will work to create legislation that is enforceable. The Committee discussed the need to educate jet ski operators concerning the dangers to other boaters caused by reckless jet ski operation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

- **Beach Closure** – Carla Anderson explained why the Town beach was closed from Johnson Street to Atlantic Avenue. She referred to a clarifying memo from DRM Director Judith Oset to Mr. Bergman.
- **Resignation** - Carla Anderson reported that she is submitting her resignation from the Committee effective September 1, 2001. She explained her reasons for resigning and distributed copies of her letter of resignation. Joyce Guide and the other members thanked Ms Anderson for her service on the Committee. The Committee will need to choose someone to replace Carla as the representative from the Committee to the Pier Management Corporation Nominating Committee.
- **Chapter 91 Problems** – The Committee discussed several perceived problems with the current implementation of the Chapter 91 regulations.
- **Harbor Access Gift Fund** – Carla Anderson reported on several estimated large contributions that property owners will probably make in the near future to the Gift Fund in lieu of making improvements. These funds will be available to the Committee for improvements to the Harbor and beaches.
- **Yacht Club** – Al Davis initiated a discussion of the possibility of revitalizing this organization.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2001 at 5:00 P.M.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Joyce Guide moved to adjourn at 6:23 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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*Rachel T. Crosby,*

Harbor Committee Signature

Title

On-call secretary