

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

HARBOR COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2001

Meeting held in Town Hall

Members Present: Rex McKinsey (Chair), Mel Cote, Al Davis, Sheila LaMontagne,

Members Absent: Joyce Guide, Jack Joyce

Others Present: Roger Dias (Building Dept.), Chris Snow (Attorney for Seamen's Bank), Robert O'Malley (Fisherman's Cove Condo Trust)

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

CHAPTER 91: The committee reviewed DEP comments on applications discussed at the last meeting. A handout was distributed and a general discussion ensued re: amnesty license fee change (see attachment). No recommendations were made.

LAND'S END MARINE: An e-mail was read outlining the assignment of what Land's End wants to achieve pertaining to new construction and amnesty licensing. The Committee reviewed a handout and suggested that the Town of Provincetown make the final decision. It was further suggested that this deal could set a precedent for other deals. Suggestions to include drawings for a dinghy dock and kayak stand were also made. General consensus was that the committee needed more information in order for them to make a motion.

FISHERMAN'S COVE CONDO TRUST: Discussion ensued re: Fisherman's Cove Condo Trust located at 145-147 Commercial Street, Provincetown. Photos were distributed and questions were posed regarding the existing structures and surrounding amenities. There were also questions as to whether the cart road on the property belonged to the Trust or the Town. A motion was made by Rex McKinsey to direct Dana Ferris to submit documents to the DEP and cc the Harbor Committee, which was seconded by Mel Cote. All present were in favor of the motion. It was further discussed that the Committee should abstain from making a decision, and that the DEP and the Town Assessor should work out final details, or refer the issue to the Town Council.

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SEAMEN'S BANK: Chris Snow, Attorney at Law, was present as Seamen's representative. A general discussion ensued re: Seamen's Bank and their Amnesty application of 1993 pertinent to beach access and their intention to reconfigure once the license is approved. Also discussed were various improvements pertinent to fencing and signage. The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. That parking for fishermen is inappropriate
2. Improve visual pedestrian walkway

The motion on these recommendations was made by Al Davis and seconded by Rex McKinsey. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. General discussion re: town Landing Signage. No recommendations other than to review existing materials in the next Committee meeting.

2. Discussed a letter received from the Committee for a Peaceful Harbor in support of Personal Watercraft ban.
3. Discussed a letter received from Stephan Nofield re: the Committee's review of beach access points. Committee decided to schedule a time in the spring to do the review via boat.
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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Suggested a possible moratorium on out of town moorings and discussed previous mooring rental fees and where the funds have been appropriated.
2. Discussed the Committee applying for a municipal grant through the Provincetown Visitor Services Board for a dinghy dock in the West End.

TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The committee agreed to hold their next meeting on January 9th at 4:00pm. Motioned by Al Davis, seconded by Mel Cote, all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stefanie Sanev

Attachment referenced in minutes
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To: Board of Selectmen
From: Harbor Committee

Re: Chapter 91 Amnesty License Fee Change

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D.E.P. will use a 4-foot wide walkway in Appendix C for calculating amnesty license monetary contributions (instead of 10 feet). This will apply to applications for structures existing prior to the approval of the Provincetown Harbor Plan. This change is in keeping with how DEP assesses other coastal communities in Mass. And will provide some relief to Property owners currently working through their applications.

This does not mean that a 4-foot wide walkway will be built. It is just a starting point for calculating a property owners monetary contribution for use of public or filled state tidelands The Harbor Access Gift Fund will receive these funds to be expended by the town on public access/benefit programs.

New Construction licenses will continue to be calculated on the 10-foot wide walkway as specified in Provincetowns' state approved harbor plan.