

Public Hearing HARBOR COMMITTEE

Wednesday July 6, 2005

Judge Welsh Hearing Room

Time: 4:30 pm

Members Present: Kerry Adams, Alice Brock, Heather Bruce, Ann Colbourn, Mel Cote, and Gerard Irmer.

Members Absent: none

Advisory Staff: Maxine Notaro, and Doug Taylor
Rex McKinsey and Ted Meyer (both excused)

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

AGENDA

Review/amend/approve minutes of 6/22

The amendments to the minutes were:

1. Add Sandcastles to further identify the Volvo group's meeting place when they found our beaches filthy.
2. Next to last pgh on page 2 - Cross out sentence beginning "She hadn't attended the meeting..."
3. Take out the reference to Heather's concern regarding that the Harbor Plan would take effect.....

Motion: Kerry Adams made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Alice Brock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Public Statements and Unfinished Business were both breezed through with nothing to add.

Old Business:

Ann Colbourn reported on her findings on the beach clean-up machine. She found that we do have a rake but lack the equipment to pull it. Doug Taylor, clarifying the subject further, said that we don't own any of this equipment. It's on loan. Ann said that she heard that there was a rake someplace but there is no equipment to pull it. Jerry said it won't do what they need to have done. He cited other beaches (such as the ones in Florida) with vast expanses that are suited to large beach rakes. He said that the Barber Co. is one manufacturer of this type of equipment and they have some which pick up cigarette butts, syringes, etc. This company also makes smaller equipment (more appropriate for our needs) which are pressed into use for cleaning sand traps on golf courses and similar small locales. There are 3 vendors who make this kind of equipment. Jerry will get brochures and the group can study them.

Kerry Adams said that the Pier Corp. is required to use this equipment and they have a large grant for this purpose. (Jerry will e-mail Rex to find out further information.)

There was a beach clean-up conducted by prisoners on the day after July 4th. It was an ideal time and Jerry received an e-mail from Rex thanking Alice for her work on this. Alice thinks we can get them on a regular basis. She thinks Deputy Tony Roberts should get a letter and also David Neil (get info on correct names and spellings from the Police Chief).

Motion: Kerry Adams made a motion to have Alice Brock send thank you notes to the above mentioned people and any other people who participated in the day after the July 4th beach clean-up. Alice Brock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business:

Review 2005 Amendments to the Harbor Plan status

Nothing has been received from state thus far.

Heather Bruce is trying diligently to dig out the procedural values regarding proper protocol for finding out information on the Harbor Plan status. She will be accessing the web site and will ask pertinent questions and then she will be e-mailing everyone on the Committee as to her findings.

Alice Brock felt that at the BoS meeting the Selectmen seemed to go along with all the things in the Harbor Plan and the state should be informed of this fact. Kerry Adams said the BoS didn't approve of anything. There was no vote by the BoS and no motion made by the BoS. The Harbor Committee did get a letter from the state saying that the plan approved in 1999 is still in effect.

Any other business that shall properly come before the Committee

CZM – “no discharge area”

Mel Cote said he was doing research on his computer and found – in the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management (CZM) site that towns can request having a “no discharge area.” Wellfleet, Chatham, and Harwich are but a few towns who have achieved this status. Mel will look into it further and get back to the Committee with all the information at their next meeting. Mel thought that he might get together with Rex and pursue this issue. Stay tuned.....

Atlantic Avenue Public Landing

Ann Colbourn reported that the end of the Atlantic Avenue beach access is quite dangerous. It was decided to call Sandy Turner to find out when this project will be completed.

Kerry Adams' Reports

Kerry Adams reported that he had personally visited **Dahill's property** on Commercial Street and found out that the groin (mini breakwater) was not put in by Mr. Dahill but was mandated by the state.

Also he researched the **difference in fees** assessed to two adjacent properties. The difference in fees came from the fact that one property was land-courted and the other one wasn't.

Kerry Adams felt that – at the meeting with the BoS – Cheryl Andrews said that the Harbor Committee should be corresponding more with the Pier Corp. on information on beach crews, mooring fees, and the Schofield line, etc.

Jerry Irmer felt that the Committee has to revisit the mission statement and also what was in the article that created the Committee.

Kerry Adams felt that the Harbor Committee should be more of a regulatory committee rather than just an advisory committee. The Committee agreed.

Alice Brock wondered what the criteria is for selling stuff on the Pier?

Jerry said it was all approved by the Building Commissioner and the BoS and the HC was notified after it was already decided. Jerry felt the Committee has to make sure that they are privy to all these happenings.

Ann Colbourn said that the Pier Corp is a separate entity and can do whatever they please.

Jerry Irmer said that the onus is on us for the Schofield line change. "Maybe if we do it gradually it might be accepted."

Heather Bruce said that the Schofield line happened because the Town didn't want to spend the money to do a proper survey – so now this is a mess for future generations to hammer out.

NEXT MEETING WILL HAPPEN ON AUGUST 10TH.

Motion to adjourn happened at 5:21 p.m. It was enthusiastically approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by _____ on _____, 2005.

Gerard Irmer, Chair