



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)**  
**Provincetown Town Hall, Judge Welsh Room**  
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, July 12, 2018

**Members Present:** Regina (Ginny) Binder (GB), Herbie Hinze (HH), Lorrie (Lee) Ash (LA), Carlos Verde (CV), Scott Fraser (SF)

**Other Attendees:** Rex McKinsey (RM), Daniel Llata (DL)

**Public Attendees:** None

**Excused Absence:** Jarrod Koskey (JK)

**Chair, Regina Binder, called the Provincetown Pier Corp meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.**

**Public Statements:**

None

**Motion made to approve the PPPC Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2018:**

***Motion: HH*** ***2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: SF***

Yes: (CV), (SF), (GB), (LA), (HH)

***Motion Passes***

**Special Agenda Items:** None

**Pier Manager's Report:**

(RM) stated that the summer is off to a busy start and that the Pier Corp will be purchasing a new truck to replace the old one. Currently we are looking at a Ford F250, tow package, 4WD with a crew cabin and 8' bed. There is a statewide contract process to procure such a vehicle through the operational services of the state.

Estimated delivery time is 30 days. The old truck could be either be surplus or traded in.

There were two motions: One to surplus the old truck, another to purchase the new truck.

***Motion to purchase the new truck: (CV)***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: (SF)***

Yes: (CV), (SF), (GB), (LA), (HH)

***Motion Passes***

***Motion to surplus the old truck: (LA)***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: (CV)***

Yes: (CV), (SF), (GB), (LA), (HH)

***Motion Passes***

### **Fireworks:**

(RM) stated that the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations were very successful and the addition of barricades on the pier created a secure facility. Bags were checked at the entrance to the Pier. Those with alcohol in their bags chose to turn around and leave. Bag checks did result in the confiscation of alcohol.

(RM) also stated that due to the staff's work and the changes we've made, the event went very well. We will expect heavier crowds next year, with July 4<sup>th</sup> occurring on a Thursday; this gives us time to further improve our new system leading up to the major events of 2020 which will occur on a Saturday night.

(GB) asked for further details on the role the new barricades served in acting as a deterrent.

(RM) continued that the barricades, in addition to being a deterrent, helped to set a respectful tone on the Pier. The beaches and Commercial Street were very crowded and were different environments than the Pier, which remained calm and peaceful.

(RM) added that Chief of Police Golden had nothing negative to say about the event.

(GB) asked about changes or improvements that we'll be working on in the coming year.

(RM) stated that this event acted as an exercise of our facility security plan, in preparation for 2020. This year, we left the gates open once the fireworks began at 9:15; in the future we will be closing the gates to avoid the rush of pedestrians at the start of the fireworks. After the fireworks were over, staff began breaking down the barricades and directing crowds off the pier.

(GB) stated that she appreciates the barriers, they are more streamlined and easier to move about.

(RM) stated that the next test for the barricades will be Carnival.

### **Artemis:**

(GB) and (RM) have met with Town Manager David Panagore. We have modified our approach to the situation due to advice from counsel. For the time being we are moving the vessel to the timber grounding frame as we are working to prepare for court next week.

(RM) stated that FinCom met yesterday and approved funding not to exceed \$40,000. As this is litigation, we will not be speaking publicly about the details; if any members have specific questions on the matter, we can address those in private.

### **Kalmar Nyckel:**

(RM) stated that Kalmar Nyckel arrived this morning at 10:30A.M.

Discussion ensued regarding the embarkation fees for this ship, that the revenue has not changed in a number of years.

(RB) suggested that we can look into that.

(HH) agreed.

(SF) asked about the number of excursions the Kalmar Nyckel makes.

(RM) stated that two years ago the embarkation fee was \$143, so a little over 300 people.

(SF) asked if a ticket is \$80, how much do we get?

(HH) asked about how Kalmar Nyckel backs out into the traffic area and barricades the ferries from coming in.

(RM) stated that the Kalmar Nyckel should not be disrupting any traffic.

(GB) stated that we will continue looking into this at another time.

### **Tool Shed Modifications:**

(GB) stated that Army Corps of Engineers is processing our modification of the tool shed.

### **Public Records Requests:**

(RM) stated that public records requests are continuing; not all are directed to the board, so we do not forward all of them to the members.

(GB) asked that she be forwarded all of the requests.

(LA) stated that a number of years ago, the amount of time and energy that came out of the Pier Corps and the Town for public records requests became an incredible amount of money.

### **Pier Staff:**

(RM) stated that we are working with a new crew as we approach the high season, things are going very well.

(GB) asked if the Pier Corp is fully staffed.

(RM) stated that the Pier is looking for late night staff, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift, two nights per week, or perhaps more, and that an ad has been placed. We are also looking for one or two Operations staff for 40 hours per week.

(RM) also stated that the new staff is learning the ropes. Right now, Operations is focusing on fixing the boardwalk planks.

(GB) remarked that we are down one and a half people. We would like to have a fully staffed pier.

### ***Questions from the Board:***

#### **Cranes on the Pier:**

(CV) asked about the three cranes on the Pier that have been there since May, and why have they been there so long?

(RM) replied that the cranes are necessary, for 'My Yot' and 'Artemis.'

(CV) stated that the work is not being done quickly enough. It's already July 12.

(GB) noted that there's a legal situation involved, a magistrate hearing, for which we must wait until July 20.

(RM) stated that aspects of this case lie beyond our control, and the two larger cranes will be needed for the Artemis.

Discussion ensued, regarding the cranes, their purpose on the Tee, and their estimated date of removal.

(GB) suggested that the crane used for My Yot be removed, but reiterated that for reasons beyond our control, we are stuck with the larger cranes for now, and under advice from counsel, we are advised not to discuss these details publicly.

## **Derelict Vessels:**

(SF) directed the conversation to the issue of derelict vessels coming into the harbor, and not allowing this to occur again.

(GB) added that the Pier Corp had already received a warning for this issue not happening again.

(LA) suggested we look into the language for what constitutes a 'Harbor of Refuge'. We need to interpret what this means and to develop protocol.

(SF) stated that seamen working on their vessels may need to take refuge here, and then leave. He stated that this is not a place where captains can store their vessels.

(RM) suggested that maybe there's a way to strengthen our hand. Over the past decade, the majority of vessels sunk in this harbor did it themselves, without any outside assistance.

(GB) asked for any volunteers on the Board to take up the task of doing the research.

(LA) volunteered to take up this task.

(CV) stated that the Harbor Master has the power to demand that a vessel leave Provincetown Harbor.

(GB) expressed concern that in the past, the Pier Corp struggled with the reputation of being an 'Unfriendly Harbor.'

(RM) mentioned examples of derelict boats removed from the harbor, including 'Vast Explorer.' He stated that when he took over as Harbor Master there were a number of vessels moored here all winter, and now there are none.

(SF) asked about My Yot, which was out there for 9 years without a functioning motor, went ashore twice, before it eventually ended up at the breakwater. He stated that we don't want derelict boats here.

(RM) mentioned that the situation is tricky in that once the Harbor Master touches a derelict vessel he becomes responsible for it. "It's a Catch 22 situation."

(GB) suggested that we move on to Director's Statements. She stated that the comments are all accurate and we've learned much from this, let's not let it happen again.

## **Director's Statements:**

(HH) stated that there is a problem in the busy harbor entrance area involving paddleboards and canoes, getting in front of and blocking the movement of Ferries, Whale Watch vessels etc.

(RM) suggested that if these are rental kayaks and paddleboards, it can be addressed by talking to the companies.

(GB) suggested that we speak to the owners of the companies about encouraging their customers to avoid the busy harbor entrance between designated times.

(HH) agreed and suggested 10AM-12 Noon, adding that the majority of such errant paddlers and kayaks appear to be coming from the East end, rather than the West end, of town.

(SF) suggested that we ask rental companies to encourage their customers to paddle in safer areas, or even paddle beneath the pier to minimize any danger.

(HH) added that this is especially important now that the Kalmar Nyckel is at the end of the Tee. Vessels cannot see around Kalmar Nyckel and will be surprised by the kayaks.

(LA) suggested that maps be printed, describing any restricted areas.

**Trap Sheds:**

(HH) remarked that he is impressed with the group of artists renting the Trap Sheds this year, mentioning that they appear happy and comfortable, doing good business, and are a friendly group of nice people.

(RM) stated that there is more activity in the area of the last trap shed than before, there are more people jumping off or falling into the water. He asked how the Board felt about installing a fence at that location.

(HH) added that yes, two people have already fallen off there this year.

(GB) stated that it appears to be a public safety issue.

(HH) said that people are tripping, jumping, and falling.

(GB) approves of such a fence.

(HH) approves but suggested we make it aesthetically pleasing.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:**

(CV) stated that on the evening of July 4 he was listening to the radio from his boat, and appreciated the chatter on the radio: He appreciated the coordination and organization of the Harbor Master, everything appeared to be running smoothly. He also complimented the good coordination of moving the boats back in, tending to the barge, etc. after the fireworks ended.

**Accounting System:**

(SF) stated that everything appears to be clicking along, everything is getting reconciled, adding that it's time to begin the process of designing the dock allocation process.

He also stated that as a public announcement: Fishermen, tenants are welcome to attend. Time TBD, hour will be 1:30PM. We will map out a series of meetings over the next several weeks.

(LA) asked if this is about catch numbers?

(SF) replied that more people may want to be on our floating docks than we have space for. He suggested that preference be given to serious, full-time commercial fishermen.

(GB) had no statement except to express that she is grateful to the Board.

**Motion made to adjourn the Provincetown Pier Corp public meeting of July 12th, 2018.**

*Motion: (GB)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Motion: (HH)*

Yes: (CV), (LA), (GB), (HH), (SF)

*Motion passes.*

**Chair, Regina Binder, adjourned the PPPC Meeting of July 14th, 2018 at 5:53 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Llata  
PPPC Administrative Assistant