



## Harbor Committee

# Public Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2018  
Provincetown Town Hall  
Community Development Meeting Room  
260 Commercial Street  
Time: 5:00 pm

### Minutes (draft)

#### **I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. Attendance: Members present: David Flattery, Elise Cozzi, Susan Avellar, Laura Ludwig; excused: Bryan Legare, John Santos. David Gardner, Assistant Town Manager; Rex McKinsey, Harbormaster; Dennis Minsky, Open Space Committee; Sherry Brec, Animal Welfare Committee.

Susan requested that the New Business items of the Zoning Article and Hall Property be moved up to the top of the agenda to expedite the visiting presentations. Elise seconded and all were in favor.

#### **II. New Business**

Elena Hall Property - Dennis Minsky, Open Space Comm Chair, presented information regarding Article 6, Land Bank purchase of the Hall property at 387-395A Commercial Street, to be voted on at Town Meeting. Purchase price \$1.4 million out of the Land Bank, incurring no new taxes. (Land Bank accrues from a 3% surcharge on property tax and is dedicated to open space conservation.) Additional funds may become available as well.

Landscaping Comm generated a conceptual plan to help convey the scale of the lot. Final appearance of the lot would be determined with public input. The acquisition would provide a great deal of public access to the harbor. There is a long history of commercial fishing and artistic representation in that area.

Discussion ensued about various possible regulations and conditions on the lot (noise, access hours, signage, lighting, etc.)

Elise moved to recommend Article 6 and to forward a letter to the Select Board supporting the town's acquisition of the Hall Lot. Laura seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Motion approved 4-0-0. Laura will forward the letter.

Zoning Article Harbor Overlay District - Assistant Town Manager David Gardner reviewed Article 10 outlining the town's interest in combining previously conflicting language in the Harbor Setback and Harborfront Overlay by-laws. The amended language would then align with the stipulations laid out in Ch. 91 permits. David moved that this committee recommend Article 10 for approval at Town Meeting. Elise seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Dog control regulations related to harborfront activity – Laura invited Sherry Brec, member of the Animal Welfare Committee, to discuss concerns regarding dogs loose around aquaculture grant areas. Several fishermen have complained that unleashed dogs have been seen defecating on oyster cages. There are regulations in place that require dogs to be under voice control but they are not enforced. Discussion included posting buoyed signs at aquaculture grant areas; universal language signs at town landings; and modifying language in the existing regulations to ban dogs from aquaculture areas. David suggested that the Shellfish committee recommend the best method of posting signage. Sherry will invite a member to their next meeting.

## **II. Review/amend/approve minutes**

Minutes from June 25<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. David moved to accept the June 25<sup>th</sup> mtg as presented; Susan seconded, but with one correction (Susan and John were in attendance). All were in favor of the amendment. Elise moved to accept the Sept 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented; David seconded and all were in favor.

## **III. Public Statements (none)**

## **IV. Harbormaster Report**

Discussion of vegetation and dunes for Town Landings – Regarding Washington Ave town landing, 401 Comm St. In the Ch. 91 language, the owner was required to post a kayak rack, plant beach grass, and post signage to prevent walking on beach grass. Vegetation has been allowed to grow up over the public access to the beach, impeding access. Tim Famulare joined the conversation and provided some history about the review process of that property. He met with the homeowner today regarding relocation of the kayak rack and vegetation. The Conservation Commission makes the final determination for any changes to Town Landings. We would like to meet with them and discuss the best way to maintain all the landings and public access points. November 20<sup>th</sup> is their next meeting. To prepare for it we will survey town landings for major issues to use as examples, and bring them to our next meeting (11/7).

Town Landing Signs – we looked at a few samples of signs including existing signs with universal images, list format, interpretive, and others. Rex has updated the sign at the breakwater. We will discuss it further at our next meeting.

#### **VII. Adjourn**

Susan moved to adjourn. Elise seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm. Next meeting November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.