



## Harbor Committee

# Public Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2019  
Provincetown Town Hall  
Caucus Hall Meeting Room  
260 Commercial Street

## Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm. Members present: Susan Avellar, David Flattery, John Santos, Laura Ludwig. Members excused: Bryan Legare, Elise Cozzi. Rex McKinsey, staff.

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

None to approve

### **III. Public Statements**

None

### **IV. Harbormaster Report**

AGM (pile replacement) should be done completely by Tuesday. The installation went well. Pier will be opened up for squidding once they're gone. Courtesy float is on the hard and being rebuilt, should be repaired and reinstalled in a week. There are a couple pilings that need to be replaced eventually, but the repairs to the float will take care of the worst issues. Attenuator floats will begin to be fabricated in Pennsylvania in the next month, delivered to New Bedford and then floated over in preparation for the system installation, which will be complete by January 2020.

Marine One is getting its annual maintenance. Marine Three will be splashed next week.

Laura asked for an update on staffing in the PHM office. Doug Boulanger is the new Facilities Manager. Jamie Demetriou is the new Office Manager. Don German will return as boat manager, John DeMatteis will be back as Deputy and to direct traffic. Seasonal positions have just begun as well.

## **V. Old Business:**

Jim Vincent has submitted another comprehensive report and has met with DEP. He needs to confer with town counsel regarding the next steps; we will work with town to cover those costs, possibly out of the HAGF. Susan moves to recommend an amount not to exceed \$5000 for legal fees and associated costs in connection w/ the Ch. 91 consultant conferring with town counsel if so needed. David seconded. Discussion ensued. John feels that the HAGF should be used more for harbor improvements (such as pilings) and does not want it to be eaten up by legal fees. We agreed that the benefit of having legal guidance will make the license review more effective. Vote was 4-0. Motion passed.

Posting "Beach Access" signs is on hold until the Ch. 91 permits have been thoroughly reviewed. However, a sample Town Landing sign will be presented at the next meeting for discussion. We are interested in consolidating and streamlining the landing signs.

High speed ferry route – Rex will be able to re-route the incoming and outgoing ferries in the next couple of weeks based on the revised approach.

## **VI. New Business:**

The Harbormaster's office will make repairs to Danger markers. The poles need to be lifted out and repositioned during a big tide.

Additionally, the groyne markers should be repaired. David has requested a bid from a contractor to repair ten of them and it is a reasonable bid. John made a motion to hire a contractor for a sum not to exceed \$4000 from the HAGF to repair a fixed number of groynes in the east end as a pilot to see if this type of repair works. Laura seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Susan was concerned that even re-erecting them would still leave them underwater at certain high tides. Vote was taken – 3 -1. Motion passed.

Court Street dredge spoils need repositioning. There is concern that the sand will not stay where it is put, but we would like to put it back up on the landing. David will talk to the DPW director about this.

There are several waterfront properties coming before Cons Comm, who issues the order of conditions for each. They should be examined for Ch. 91 license requirements. Jim Vincent is working specifically on this issue so that the Harbor Comm can be informed when relevant.

The treasurer has sent us a memo stating that the balance in the HAGF is \$150,845.90.

**VII. Adjourn:** Laura moved to adjourn. John seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:25.

**Next HC meeting:** Next tentatively scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 6th at 5:00pm in Town Hall if needed.