



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Provincetown Town Hall

Judge Welsh Room

260 Commercial Street

Minutes

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:00pm

Members present: David Flattery, Chair; John Santos; Laura Ludwig; Elise Cozzi. Excused: Susan Avellar. David Gardner, Acting Town Manager; Rex McKinsey, Committee Liaison. Members of the public: Lory Santos, Shellfish Committee Chair.

II. Review/amend/approve minutes

Elise moved to approve minutes from 9/4 as written. John seconded, all were in favor.

III. Harbor personnel discussion w/ acting Town Manager David Gardner

Monday 9/30 the meeting is a workshop. No agreements or determinations will be made. It will be an opportunity for the PPPC, SB and HC to have an informal discussion about the interrelationship of the three boards, how they relate to marine services and the structure of personnel hierarchy. DG provided a 16-page discussion packet that was prepared by the PPPC outlining possible restructuring of marine services positions, for discussion purposes.

DF recommended that the HC review all the inputs from the SB and PPPC at the 9/30 meeting and then generate a structure we see as fitting.

John reported that fishermen have been complaining about lack of maintenance on the pier – winches are not functioning, pilings are loose, etc. John reached out to the Harbormaster and the Pier Manager and was informed the tasks were too large to address immediately. John has also been receiving calls that should be going to the Harbormaster. DG recommended bringing all these items up at the joint meeting on 9/30.

IV. Public Statements

Lory Santos reported on the wake stakeholder meeting, which was held on board Salacia on 9/19. Despite efforts to reduce wakes, the whale watches seem to continue generating dangerous wakes. The suggested improved routes have not been followed or enforced.

She also noted several aspects of the proposed PPPC management chart that are not appropriate.

Wendy offered an observation that there is very little presence of pier management or harbormaster services on the pier proper. Other committee members echoed that sentiment.

V. Harbor Wake issue

The Acting Harbormaster convened the wake stakeholder meeting on 9/19. To keep the ball rolling, the HC will send a memo to the Acting Harbormaster to reconvene and report on the results of the week-long test run recommended at the meeting on the 19th. Wendy reported on a wake interaction she and her husband experienced last week at Long Point when a whale watch left the harbor at top speed, filled their Whaler to the gunwales, and toppled both people, one of whom was sent to the hospital for treatment of a heart condition that resulted.

VI. Other business

DF spoke with Jim Vincent re the status of the Ch. 91 letter to stakeholders. Jim is asking DEP to meet with the committee; and we will soon designate a point person for receiving calls related to the community outreach.

DG reported that the wave attenuator status was reported on by the Pier Manager to the SB on Monday. It was a general summary; for more details we need to reach out to the Pier Manger. In future, we will likely receive better communication from the Pier Corp via the three personnel soon to be present on the pier.

VII. Harbormaster Report

N/A

VII. Adjourn 6:06pm

John moved to adjourn. Elise seconded, all were in favor.

Next HC meeting:

Monday, September 30, 2019, joint meeting with Select Board and PPPC.