



Meeting Minutes

Provincetown Harbor Committee

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.

Caucus Hall, Provincetown Town Hall

260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657

D Flattery called the meeting to order at 5pm. All members were present: David Flattery (Chair), Laura Ludwig (scribe), Susan Avellar, John Santos, Wendy Loughlin, Elise Cozzi (alt). Rex McKinsey, staff harbor liaison; David Gardner, Town Manager; Paul Benson, reporter.

Review minutes. John moved to approve the minutes of 9/26/19. Elise seconded and all were in favor.

Public Statements. N/A

Harbor Report. Rex has spoken w/ Acting HM Don German to have staff represented at both the Pier Corp and HC meetings, so that information can be freely shared between committees.

David G pointed out that the HC meeting minutes have not been posted on the web page; that was one of the items that fell through the cracks this summer. Rex will follow up with that.

Rex spoke to Billy Rogers (surveyor) re Washington Ave boundary assessment and markers. It was mentioned at the SB mtg last night that the area was being overgrown. The town wants to establish the bounds so that the property can be properly managed and maintained.

Groyne repairs have been postponed all summer and will be pursued this season. David F is heading up the effort to replace marker stones.

The M2 pump-out boat has been hauled for the season; and the courtesy float station will be disabled soon as well.

The packet for this meeting included the minutes from the 9/19/19 stakeholder meeting convened by the Acting HM Don German re wakes and speed of vessels in the harbor. David F spoke to Don German, Acting HM, about the report that was requested last month; he is still waiting for input from some of the large vessel captains. John would like to hold a public meeting to gather input. Rex counselled that the committee should present details and recommendations first that can then be discussed. Rex will work with John to develop a presentation for public discussion.

The report on the Shark Mitigation Alternatives Analysis will be presented at Nauset HS on 10/17/19; a summary was included in our packet. The project was conducted by the Woods Hole Group with support from various entities including the towns. The report will suggest tools that can improve a town's response and awareness, such as signage, outreach, and training. Laura informed the committee about the shark tracking project being undertaken by the Center for Coastal Studies on the back side.

Rex spoke to Jim Vincent and the Ch. 91 process is ongoing. Rex has been named the contact in the letter that will go to property owners.

Harbor management personnel. In preparation for the 10/28/19 joint meeting with the Select Board, David F tasked committee members with specific items to provide information and present our proposed organizational chart. Susan will present on the history of the new pier and why the PPPC was formed. John will address the importance of the HM reporting to TM, and areas of deficiency in the harbor and pier. Elise will summarize the 2015 PPPC-Town MOU. Wendy will review how the harbor has changed in the past decade, reflecting what a visitor may experience. Laura will present on our suggested chain of command.

Discussion regarding the organizational chart ensued, and a structure was arrived at whereby the Harbormaster Services are squarely positioned under the Town Manager, as we proposed originally to the SB. Materials will be presented by next Tuesday to be included in the SB packet.

John moved to adjourn; Laura seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:40pm. Next HC meeting 10/28/19 at 5pm; preceding the joint meeting with Select Board.