



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Minutes October 14, 2020

Rescheduled from October 7th due to a technical error

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:03pm - Members present: David Flattery, Wendy Loughlin, Laura Ludwig, Elise Cozzi, John Santos. Absent: Susan Avellar. Rex McKinsey, Marine Coordinator; Don German, Harbormaster; Carlos Verde, Pier Corp liaison; Jaimie Binder (Gordon Peabody rep); Lory Santos, public

II. Review/amend/approve minutes

Minutes from the September 23rd meeting were reviewed and approved as-is.

III. Public Statements - We invited Gordon Peabody's representative, Jaimie, to present a Breakwater Safety signage concept. Two photos of the breakwater were shown, at low and high tide, with the text, "Photos taken six hours apart". General approval by the committee, and agreement that a photo tells a story better than words. John suggested adding "please be aware of the tide". There is a sign out there already about the tides, but that is a QR code which requires a smart phone and tells the tide cycle - it could be supplemented by the photos. Elise pointed out that in addition to the risks posed by high tides, the uneven rocks may be tricky to manage (hence the broken ankles this past summer). Could also add text conveying the challenging rocky terrain. Rex will ask DPW to try to make the signs more durable than the laminated versions Gordon offered, and we'll draft language to incorporate and get an estimate of cost.

Discussion about all the various signage efforts either underway or needed --

- the existing interpretive panels are all weathered and outdated. Rex will try to find out who produced them originally;
- Town Landing signs need updating, but need to work w/ the EB signs;
- Expedition Blue signage will be along soon, but it won't address all Town Landing info;
- Chapter 91 access signs need to be assessed and improved.

IV. Members Project Updates - Rex reported that Jim Vincent has been working on the Ch91 manual, and DEP is reviewing it. Good response from them so far regarding the process. The Boatslip has locked a gate at the top of the stairs permitting Ch. 91 access; Rex has sent the images to DEP to address the issue.

Elise followed up on the pier trash issue with the Recycling Cte. DPW is looking into new and improved solar compacters to use out there.

IVa. Pier Corp Liaison Report - Carlos reported they discussed the trash issue on the pier. They're also updating definitions in Ch 1 of the Harbor regulations.

V. Marine Department Updates – Long Point Marina is looking to reinstate the mooring field behind the breakwater and the ACE is reviewing the history of paperwork and permitting; if still current, the installation could take place. If not, the permit process would begin again and there would be an opportunity to weigh in on it. The objective is to provide moorings for large vessels. It would be set up the same way that Flyer's and Provincetown Marina host mooring fields.

Department boats are being serviced or hauled out for winter.

Regarding the overwintering of boats on a mooring (brought up at an earlier meeting), the town provided an attorney who is generating a report on how to deal with the issue of extracting excise tax and mooring fees.

Regarding a recent effort to remove 7 kayaks stored illegally on a beach in the west end, Don posted a public announcement on social media asking the owners to remove them or they would be destroyed. None of them had a 2020 permit. This is a good teaching moment for this committee to educate about kayak regulations.

Marine Coordinator updates – Rex updated us on the Exp. Blue sign status and the layouts were in the committee packet. They have been designed and sited, but due to budgetary constraints there will only be 7 signs in total.

Fishing for Energy paperwork has been completed for a 3-year, \$12,000 contract to dispose of end-of-life fishing gear.

“Beachcombers” in the west end have been excavating artifacts and leaving large holes in the intertidal zone. Rex has reported about it to the Conservation Commission who wants to be kept in the loop.

VI. New Business n/a

VII. Old Business

Houseboats discussion continued. Elise provided the language used by Falmouth, which provides an interesting template for three angles we need to address: Insurance requirements; area where they're allowed; and a Houseboat definition. An area has been identified already (by Elise, Wendy and Don) which essentially outlines the existing area and might accommodate 3-5 additional moorings. Wendy and Elise will polish the recommendations and once we agree on the language of the houseboat regulation, we will involve the Harbormaster in drafting the language. May need to consult other town departments in refining the regulations to accommodate zoning, safety, taxes, insurance, etc. The final product will be shared w/ the Select Board.

VIII. Members Additional Comments n/a

IV. Adjourn

Elise moved to adjourn; Laura seconded. Roll call vote was taken and meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for THURSDAY October 29th.