



## Harbor Committee

Harbor Committee Minutes  
Virtual meeting  
September 2, 2020

Rex outlined the virtual meeting instructions and indicated that the meeting is being recorded.

### I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:04pm

Members present: Laura Ludwig, David Flattery (chair), Susan Avellar, Elise Cozzi (alternate), John Santos, Wendy Loughlin. Rex McKinsey, Don German, staff; Carlos Verde, Pier Corp

#### Ia. Annual Election of Officers

Susan offered nominations as a slate: David Flattery as chair and Laura Ludwig as clerk; David nominated Susan Avellar as vice-chair. This is the same slate of current officers. Wendy seconded the motions. Laura asked if anyone else was interested in any of the positions; none were. Roll call vote was taken; all were in favor of continuing with the current slate. 5-0-0.

II. Review/amend/approve minutes of July 15 & August 12. Susan moved to accept the minutes as presented for both dates; Elise seconded. Roll call vote was taken; all were in favor of accepting minutes as presented. 5-0-0.

### III. Public Statements

none

### IV. Members Project Updates

Rex, Don, Elise and Wendy met to discuss houseboats in the harbor. It may not be necessary to introduce regulations on houseboats, since the harbormaster has oversight of all moorings and the space is defined (60 feet diameter around a houseboat, ¼ mile out from the Seashore), further limiting their area. If we chose to, harbor regulations (in either Ch. 1 or Ch. 2) could designate coordinates and include a chart outlining the limited mooring area for houseboats.

Laura expressed interest in facilitating houseboats in a safe manner, considering sea level rise, coastal resiliency and sanitation (pump-out) concerns. Susan suggested that the area be moved (to the East end) so as not to obstruct the view of Long Point; Don pointed out that area is much rougher and would be difficult for moored vessels.

A public hearing would be required to make any changes to harbor regs. David suggested we compile our thoughts and put together a final recommendation for the Select Board over the next couple of months. Rex will circulate the public hearing notice we issued in the spring (which had been cancelled) to use as we move forward.

#### V. Marine Department Updates

Harbormaster updates – Personal watercraft in the harbor were an issue over the last few weeks. Don clarified that the Police Dept only gets involved if there is a criminal aspect; otherwise, the harbormaster's office enforces speed and use regulations. Susan asked how we can assist the harbormaster to better inform visitors and vessels about their operation. Don informs each visiting yacht of the regs as they come to anchor. Susan suggested posting a notice in the local papers, as some craft are loaded from land. Signage at the boat ramp could help. Even though jet skis are registered vessels, our harbor regulations were approved by the state and allow them access to more than just the corridor, but do not allow for speeding around in the harbor.

Don reported that there are only 2 moorings left behind the breakwater. Pier Corp was looking into "inner harbor floats", but they determined this harbor isn't suitable for that type of structure.

Long Point Marina is looking to reactivate its mooring field outside the breakwater.

Marine Coordinator updates – Rex reported that Town meeting is 9/21, a truncated outdoor version to be held in the church parking lot. Town budget might not be as bad as it was anticipated. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will expire in May, and needs to be updated before then so we don't lose the insurance savings rates we currently enjoy. Cape Cod Commission may be able to assist with the process; grant funding may be sought to supplement HAGF put toward the effort.

#### VI. New Business

Consideration and votes for Town Meeting Articles – there are four articles for this committee's consideration: Ryder Street dune enhancement; pier infrastructure capital improvement and electrical updates; and land bank expenses. Rex provided the language for each article.

Susan moved to support the Ryder Street dune project; Elise seconded. Roll call vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed 5-0-0.

Elise moved to support the other three articles in a consent agenda. Susan seconded. Roll call vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed 5-0-0.

#### VII. Old Business

none

#### VIII. Members Additional Comments

Laura asked Don to elaborate on the conversation he'd had with Pier Corp regarding the pros and cons of reporting to the Town Manager. He said they were asking him to report on how things are going in general. Laura reiterated her concern that Don is reporting to too many town bodies (Harbor Cte, Pier Corp, Town Manager) and might be pulled in too many directions. He reassured the committee that he keeps a balance.

Carlos was invited to comment. He reported that there he's aware of two more houseboats that are being considered, and he personally believes that regulations for houseboats will be a challenge. The boat ramp came up in discussion at the Pier Corp, and they suggested instituting a log for vessels being launched; that would assist with outreach and information as well. Regarding harbormaster reporting, he mentioned that there were staffing issues (someone quit) and the Pier Corp was just investigating possible solutions.

#### VIII. Adjourn

John made the motion to adjourn. Laura seconded; all were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for September 15 or 16.