

PROVINCETOWN HARBOR COMMITTEE

September 1, 2021

Attendance: Susan Avellar, John Santos, Michelle Stefani, by phone Ginny Binder, Barbara Dyett, David Gluck Wendy Loughlin excused Also, Don German, Harbor Master and Rex Mckinsey, Emergency Management

Call to order at 5:02, quorum roll call

Agenda

1. Elections: Moved to nominate S. Avellar as Chair by J. Santos, 2nd D. Gluck, roll call vote: 5 0 0
Moved to nominate M. Stefani as Vice-chair by J. Santos, 2nd D. Gluck, roll call vote: 3 0 2
Moved to nominate D. Gluck as Secretary by J. Santos, 2nd M. Stefani, roll call vote: 5 0 0
2. Minutes of June 30, 2021 Moved as amended by J. Santos, 2nd S. Avellar, roll call vote: 5 0 0
3. Public Statements: Lori Santos expressed concern over the future of the Harbor Access Gift fund by a nominee to the Harbor Committee during the interview process for appointment. The nominee expressed the opinion the funds could be used by the Provincetown Public Pier Corp as well as the Harbor Committee. Although the Harbor Plan does state that Harbor Access Gift Funds could be used, the uses are specific to the gutting of fish and feeding of seals and to expand harbor-related activities and not for infrastructure use.
4. Member Updates: Chapter 91 training will be held on September 29, 2021. The Building Commissioner, Town Planner and Conservation Agent will be invited to attend.
Beach Signs: D. Gluck is doing an assessment of the signs and is also looking to declutter signs that are there. J. Santos would like "Town Landing" placed at the head of each Landing site.
Former Dahill property bulkhead: J. Santos expressed concern that the new bulkhead is two feet lower than the Town bulkhead. He asked why the construction of the bulkhead was not brought before the Harbor Committee. Bulkhead repairs are considered maintenance not of Chapter 91.
West End Boat Ramp: Sand was placed to clean up the marine growth on the ramp to make it less slippery.
5. Pier Corp. Liaison Report: Herbie Hintze stated that the pier has been very busy this season and that will continue through the fall.
6. Harbormaster Report: Harbormaster German will be hauling M3 for maintenance. This is also the boat that will be used through the winter. The Swim for Life will be held Sept. 11 and the Harbormaster office will be providing assistance. There is an issue with a 46foot boat 'Rocky Rose' who has not been given a mooring permit due to lack of insurance. There appears to be rotten wood in the exhaust area(s) and fears it may sink. Mr. German has notified the environmental police but has not received a response. This matter has come before the Harbor Committee earlier. Mr. German will seek advice from council about the boat removal as well as speak to the owner who has previously expressed an interest to no longer own the vessel.
7. Old Business – Dredging: Emergency Management Co-ordinator R. Mckinsey has met with the DPW Director, Conservation Planner and Pier Corp Manager regarding the dredging needs in the

boat basin. There would only be a short window, January, for any dredging to be done and there is an issue of 'dewatering'. Currently, there are neither other dredging projects nor grants available.

8. Beached Boats: A former member of the Committee is concerned about the number of beached boats in several areas of the Town. The Committee and the Harbormaster will continue to look into revising perhaps the regulations as well as adding a second kayak rack in at the breakwater.
9. Committee member S. Avellar thanked former members David Flattery, Elise Cozzi, and Laura Ludwig for their service to the Harbor Committee and Harbor Plan. She also welcomed new members G. Binder, B. Dyett and M. Stefani.
10. Adjournment: Moved by J. Santos to adjourn to September 15th 5PM, 2nd M. Stefani, roll call vote 5 0 0

Respectfully submitted

Susan Avellar