

Town of Provincetown
Provincetown Public Pier Corporation
Open Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time and Date: 4 PM, July 29, 2004

Meeting Location: Town Hall, Judge Welsh Room

PPPC Members Present: George Hitchcock, Paul DeRuyter, and John Baldwin

Others Present: Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager, David Guertin, DPW Director, Chip Bradish, Director applicant

George Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 4:10

Hitchcock made a motion to accept the minutes of June 19th. DeRuyter seconds, 3-0.

Agenda item 1: Move that the Board of Director's vote to execute a two-month extension agreement with the Town of Provincetown expiring September 1, 2004.

Motion: George Hitchcock Second: Paul DeRuyter

Discussion

John Baldwin: Questions regarding Town Meeting vote to dissolve and we should change to accommodate the will of Town Meeting. Who are we accountable to? We are responsible to the voters. BoS votes have been split 3-2.

Paul DeRuyter: Didn't come here to do business as usual, it will go through difficult stages. BoS is the leadership body. Paul sees a need to be mature and attentive to constituents.

Vote: 3-0

Public Statements:

Jean Frottier: New blood is good, we are playing a game, but it's just plain old management. Cost of managements should be reviewed relative to revenue stream. Essentially, it is a transport pier with all of us hanging off of it. Place management costs next to revenues stream and consider other revenues like moorings. Re-design the floats to make more revenue and get management costs in line. Already a huge subsidy to build it. Town should subsidize Pier Corp. We have accepted a huge increase already. There should be more slips for semi-commercial. And good luck guys.

David Salvador: Questions getting a notice to pay past due bill. Why do we have to pay for it if docks were destroyed? Asked a selectmen that told him not to pay it. It cost me \$1000 to haul out.

Mr. Salvador's questions were discussed with the Directors and Pier Manager. PM told Mr. Salvador to stop by the office and we would calculate the potential rebate, he can pay down to that level and would satisfy all parties.

Agenda item 2: Overview of pending policy issues and proposed timeline

Discussion regards the timeline and pace of critical items. Public hearings are needed for float space licenses, commercial fishing rates and changes to Pier Regs.

Paul DeRuyter: To get things done we need to finish lease. Would be helpful if counsel were involved to help. Lease is critical. Will be out of Town on the 12th, but could speakerphone conference.

George Hitchcock: Suggests a one-hour executive session to review the issues that have been previously discussed in exec. session and then decide whether they want to bring into open meetings.

No motion was made but it was agreed to use the timeline as a working template.

Agenda item 3a: I move that the Pier Corporation schedule a public hearing on August 26, 2004 to consider the float space renewals on MacMillan Pier for the 2004 season as printed in the hearing notice.

Motion: George Hitchcock Second: John Baldwin

Some discussion regarded the lack of quorum as the reason the meeting had not been timely and the need to get it scheduled and done before the end of the season.

Vote: 3-0

Agenda item 3b: I move that the Pier Manager be directed to prepare a report and recommendations for a public hearing on commercial fishing vessel rates to be held September 9 for the 2004 season started July 1, 2004 ending March 30, 2005 and the 2005 season starting April 1, 2005 to March 30, 2006. Said recommendations to be made in consultation with the commercial fishermen's tenant group and be placed on our agenda for the next meeting.

Motion: George Hitchcock Second: Paul DeRuyter

Discussion regarded the reason for working on this year as a stub period and next year also due to town by-law limiting changes in fees to no more than once per year and discussions with the fishermen co-op over rates and responsibilities.

Vote: 3-0

Agenda item 4: Regular financial update. Director's received in agenda packets the 2004 completed reports and to-date 2005 including A/R, Profit and Loss, Balance sheet and statement of cash flows from Pier Corp. QuickBooks files.

Discussion included existing collections policies and credit terms for tenants.

Agenda item 5: Floating Docks Rebate Plan. Pier Manager reported on concept of rebate plan and lack of action by BoS. David Guertin said that the Town might not have understood what was being asked of them. Paul asked questions about whether the affected tenants had been consulted and PM states that some were and the calendar dates of the storm and re-occupancy were taken into account.

Motion: Direct Pier Manager to work with Town staff Liaison to bring this rebate plan forward to BoS. Motion:

George Hitchcock Second: Paul DeRuyter

Paul DeRuyter states if this would be left to us as though we owned the pier, we would issue the rebate. Town is the owner of the facility and should be involved in the costs. Asked that it not be a bland recommendation.

Vote: 3-0

Agenda item 6: I move that the Pier Corporation approve the event application for the 3rd annual Great Schooner Regatta and waive the event fee in lieu of sponsorship advertising, provide a waiver of MacMillan Pier regulation 1-3-10 to allow the service of alcohol for the Crew Party on September 18, 2004 and direct the Pier Manager to act as liaison to the schooner committee with specific oversight for events on Macmillan Pier.

Motion: George Hitchcock Second: John Baldwin

Discussed the importance of the Schooner Race and our part in the community event.

Vote: 3-0

I move that the Pier Corporation approve the event application for the Farmer's and Fishermen Market Festival on September 25-26, 2004, waive the event fee in lieu of sponsorship and direct the Pier Manager to act as liaison to market promoter Karen Lee with specific oversight for events on MacMillan Pier.

Motion: George Hitchcock Second: John Baldwin

Discussed the concept of farmer's market and fishermen's role in it. John Baldwin did not want to see the fishermen charged to participate if they already paid dockage on the pier. JB also stated that a retail boat permit from the state is only \$65 and all they need is the receipt.

Vote: 3-0

Meeting ended with the Pier Manager giving an overview of the resource books contents.

Open Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rex McKinsey

Approved on _____ Motion: ____ Second: _____ Vote ____ - ____ - ____