

**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welsh Hearing Room
Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, September 23, 2004**

Present: Paul deRuyter, Chair, Lee Ash, George Hitchcock, John Baldwin, and Chip Bradish

Other Attendees: Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager

Paul deRuyter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05.

Public Statements

There were no public statements.

Before the Public Hearing, Paul deRuyter said that he would like to establish a sequence at each meeting that if any member had anything they wanted to bring up he would allow comments from the Board of Directors and asked the if any of the Directors had any comments.

George Hitchcock thought that the morning meeting of the Building Committee accomplished a lot and went well. John Baldwin also stated that he was happy with the meeting on the rebuilding of the floats. He also mentioned that the schooner race was a big success.

The Directors were unanimous in giving Rex McKinsey kudos for a job well done on the schooner race.

Chip Bradish would like to see a simplified rate structure. Lee Ash stated that she was happy with the morning meeting and the dialogue with the fishermen regarding the rates.

Paul deRuyter said that there was a need for a non-voting member of the Board who would sit in and give input, such as a member of Profish and have liaison with Profish. George Hitchcock said that there was no need for another fisherman on the Board or sit in on Board meetings. The need is for someone to give advice when needed. Rex McKinsey said that the danger of getting a member from Profish might not be a person with the most knowledge. A general discussion ensued regarding getting the right type of person to be liaison from fishermen or another source.

Paul deRuyter suggested forming a permanent standby sub-committee of two Board members to act as liaison with the commercial fishermen. George Hitchcock volunteered to be on the sub-committee.

It was moved to create a standing committee of the Pier Corp. Board with George Hitchcock and Lee Ash solely for the purpose of engaging in an on-going dialogue with the commercial fishermen to promote more meaningful dialogue between both groups.

Moved by: Paul deRuyter

Seconded by: George Hitchcock

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Mr. deRuyter recognized the importance of a dialogue between the Pier Corp Board and the commercial fishermen.

Public Hearing

Agenda Item 1. (Continued from Meeting of September 9, 2004) – **Float Space License 10W – Hindu**

George Hitchcock left this portion of the meeting as he has had business dealings with the *Hindu*.

There are two items of concern: a) renewal of license; and, b) to give an abatement of \$4,000 from the \$8,000 fee.

Rex McKinsey stated that he would need a Certificate of Inspection from the Coast Guard before a renewal of the

license for the 2005 season can be issued. Chip Bradish stated that since the float space was cut in ½, he would be for an abatement of ½ the fee. Lee Ash had no problems with the rebate. Paul deRuyter felt that the Directors should not give a rebate and gave his reasons. He wants to hold the concept of abatement until February 1, 2005 and see if the *Hindu* returns.

A motion was made that the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation approve the renewal of Float Space License 10W for the 2004 season with the condition that schooner *Hindu* possess a Certificate of Inspection from the Coast Guard by February 1, 2005 in order to renew this license for the 2005 season and that an abatement should not be granted at this point and deferring the decision on the abatement until February 1, 2005.

Moved by: Paul deRuyter

Seconded by: Lee Ash

Yea: 4 Nay: 0

Agenda Item 2: Pier Manager's Report

- a. **Updates on Schooner Race and Fisher & Farmer's Market** – George Hitchcock stated that Rex McKinsey should be certified by the Police Dept. to operate as Police Dept. when no one is available. There was a general discussion regarding proper licenses and papers needed to operate the market. Rex McKinsey stated that the paperwork and 'Okays' were received from the Board of Health.
- b. **Photo Business Proposal, and**
- c. **Tourist Map Proposal**

Rex McKinsey stated that before accepting these proposals, a business plan for the Pier should be established and not compete with Commercial Street businesses.

- d. **Conflict of Interest Seminar** – October 4th, at 6:00 PM.

Information regarding the date, time and content of this seminar was included in the packet handed out by Rex McKinsey.

Agenda Item 3. Old Business

- **Status Update – Lease Negotiations Sub-Committee**

Paul deRuyter said that he had discussed the lease with Larry Uchil and Mr. Uchil had come up with a draft lease. Mr. deRuyter did not receive a copy of it as yet and will have it by Friday of the following week and will get a copy to all the Directors. He requested that the Directors send any comments to him.

- **Status Update – Pier Regulations Sub-Committee**

Rex McKinsey handed out a report of the Pier Regulations Sub-Committee. After a general discussion it was moved that the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation post a public hearing for October 21, 2004 to hear public comment on the proposed Pier Regulations 1-8-9.

Motion by: Lee Ash

Seconded by: George Hitchcock

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

A second motion was made to request the Town Manager to place on the warrant for the Fall Town Meeting the "General By-law Amendment Non-Criminal Disposition of Pier Corporation Regulations".

Motion by: Lee Ash

Seconded by: George Hitchcock

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

- **Status Update – Finance Sub-Committee**

Chip Bradish met with Rex McKinsey. He spoke with John Fitzgerald, Town Treasurer, who has high confidence in the Pier Corp. After some discussion, it was moved that the Directors have the opportunity to see the financial report not less than on a monthly basis and the reports be accompanied by footnotes describing any

adjusting entry made to the financial record.

Motion by: Paul deRuyter

Seconded by: George Hitchcock

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Agenda Item 4. New Business

- a. **Building Committee Meeting Report** – The Building Committee will meet again next week. Paul deRuyter gave a general briefing and will keep the Directors apprised.
- b. **Public Records Request** – Commonwealth District Attorney – Paul deRuyter will respond to the letter from the Commonwealth District Attorney. There was a draft of a letter in the packet handed out and he will make some changes to it and email a copy to the Directors. In response to the request of the DA, Rex McKinsey has gotten paperwork together and will provide the needed information.
- c. **Cape and Islands License Plate Small Grant Program** – Paul deRuyter feels that the Pier Corp. is not in a position at present to tap into this money. Rex McKinsey stated that the Directors might want to defer this and look at it for next October 18th. Lee Ash volunteered to make a try at writing a formal presentation. She needs information and hopes to get ideas from the Directors at the October 4th Work Session.
- d. **Discussion of General Management Structure** – Paul deRuyter talked about the hiring of a new harbormaster. He said that the management structure should be predicated on saving money and talked about the need of various positions on the Board of Directors.

Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last three meetings – August 12th, August 26th, and September 9th. The August 16th minutes had an amendment.

Moved by: Chip Bradish

Seconded by: George Hitchcock

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Paul deRuyter suggested that the Directors have a work session before the next public hearing to discuss new business. A discussion ensued regarding the work session and it was decided to hold one on Monday, October 4th, 2004 at 4:00 PM.

The next public hearing of the Pier Corp. will be on October 7th, 2004 at 4:00 PM.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Moved by: Paul deRuyter

Seconded by: George Hitchcock

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Minutes Respectively
Submitted by
Joel Glasser

Paul deRuyter, Chairman

Date