

**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)  
Judge Welsh Hearing Room  
Meeting Minutes of  
Thursday, November 18, 2004**

**Present:** Paul deRuyter, Chair, George Hitchcock, and Chip Bradish

**Excused Absences:** Lee Ash and John Baldwin

**Other Attendees:** Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager and David Guertin, Department of Public Works Director

Paul deRuyter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 introducing the members present.

***Agenda Item 1. Commercial Fishers Dockage Rates***

It was moved that the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation continue the public hearing on commercial dockage rates effective April 1, 2004 as this Board has expressed its desire to conclude lease negotiations with the Town prior to setting dock rates for the coming year.

**Moved by:** George Hitchcock

**Seconded by:** Chip Bradish

**Yea: 3 Nay: 0**

***Public Statements***

There were no public statements.

***Agenda Item 2. Execute Interim Agreement Extension***

It was moved that the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation approve Interim Agreement Extension 7 effective until January 1, 2005.

**Moved by:** George Hitchcock

**Seconded by:** Chip Bradish

**Yea: 3 Nay: 0**

***Director's Statements***

At this time George Hitchcock had no statement to make.

Chip Bradish said that he had met with Cheryl Andrews of the Board of Selectmen to exchange ideas for the harbor and mooring fields and combining the Harbormaster's Office with the Pier Corp. No proposals were made, as the meeting was an exchange of ideas.

### ***Agenda Item 3. Old Business***

#### **Floating Docks Discussion with David Guertin**

George Hitchcock said there should be a consolidation of efforts and the entire mooring area should be revamped. He suggested that the Directors put a proposal together and present it to the Board of Selectmen regarding the running of the mooring fields by the Pier Corp. Chip Bradish added that if the mooring fields were reorganized, there would be more space.

Rex McKinsey said that the system works now but it could be made better. The Harbormaster's office should work like a private business.

Paul deRuyter was contacted by Keith Bergman, Town Manager, who said the Directors should meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the lease. Mr. deRuyter felt that it might put the Pier Corp. in the position of looking as if it is politically posturing. Cheryl Andrews made the request that the full Pier Corp. Directors meet with the full Board of Selectmen. Paul deRuyter requested an Executive Session in lieu of a public hearing but Mr. Bergman stated that the Board of Selectmen wanted to meet with the full Pier Corp. Board. Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, was the date suggested as the meeting between the two Boards. Paul deRuyter wanted the Board of Selectmen to know that the PPPC feels strongly about going into Executive Session to discuss the lease and then an open meeting to give a presentation about the PPPC's goals and projects.

Chip Bradish will create slides for the presentation. David Guertin suggested that there be no more than 12 that would tout the successes of the Pier Corp. He will print the viewgraphs on the color printer and GBC bind copies.

A general discussion followed regarding the management of the mooring fields. David Guertin stated that he Town is seeking better information on the operation and management of the mooring fields. It is an opportunity that has been unaddressed.

Paul deRuyter mentioned the memo, which was talked about at the last meeting, attached to Exhibit C, would be sent to Keith Bergman. A memo regarding the floating docks would be sent to Ginny Binder and the Building Committee from the PPPC and Rex McKinsey. David Guertin thought that a memo was a great document to put forward to the Building Committee. Rex McKinsey will add a sketch of the North and South main docks to it.

A general discussion followed regarding rates for docking. The Directors felt that the rates should be set when the lease is signed and in place.

The subject of the definition of a commercial fisherman followed. Rex McKinsey felt that there is a need for a simple definition to differentiate between a commercial fisherman and a recreational fisherman.

It was moved to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen with a copy to the Building Committee.

**Moved by:** George Hitchcock

**Seconded by:** Paul deRuyter

**Yea: 3 Nay: 0**

### ***Agenda Item 4. New Business***

#### **Storm Damage Rebate & Ice Start-up Costs**

**a.** It was moved that the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation issue payment of a partial rebate of dock fees to vessels in the floating docks during FY 2004 as printed in the warrant.

**Moved by:** George Hitchcock

**Seconded by:** Paul deRuyter

**Yea: 3 Nay: 0**

**b.** It was moved that the Provincetown Public Pier Corporation issue payment of the start-up costs incurred by Profish for the installation of the ice machine.

**Moved by:** George Hitchcock

**Seconded by:** Chip Bradish

**Yea: 3 Nay: 0**

### ***Agenda Item 5. Pier Manager's Report***

Rex McKinsey, in his written report, stated that he had received a call from Steve Milliken, owner of the Dolphin Fleet, representing the Float Owners Association, asking for an informal meeting with the Pier Corp. Board of Directors. He indicated that they would like to propose a rate structure for the excursion businesses and discuss some other issues such as keeping their floats in year round. Mr. McKinsey also added that some interesting points were brought up by this request that he had outlined in his report to the Directors of the Pier Corp.

The Directors want to meet with the Float Owners Association and will send them a letter in appreciation of their request and give them dates of the next meetings of the Pier Corp. and put them on the Agenda.

***Minutes***

It was moved to accept the minutes of the September 23, October 4, October 7, October 21 and November 4 meetings.

**Moved by:** George Hitchcock      **Seconded by:** Chip Bradish      **Yea: 3 Nay: 0**

The next meeting will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM.

**Moved by:** Chip Bradish      **Seconded by:** George Hitchcock      **Yea: 3 Nay: 0**

Minutes Respectively  
Submitted by  
*Joel Glasser*

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Paul deRuyter, Chairman

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Date