

**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welch Hearing Room
Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, August 10, 2006**

Present: Len Clingham (Chair), George Hitchcock, Lee Ash, John Baldwin and Phil Tarvers

Other Attendees: Rex McKinsey (Pier Manager), John Davidson (Administrative Assistant)

Meeting called to order @ 4:07 by Len Clingham, PPPC Chair

Public Statements

Candace Nagle: Hopes that the PPPC continues to follow the momentum that the Banner has provided with its editorial on the wave attenuator.

Provided corrected \$ figures on float space 10w. We should be able to get money from others in regards to George Hitchcock's statements.

What happened to the vacancy appointment on the PPPC?

Len Clingham: Person holds his/her place until another is appointed by the Board of Selectman.

Lee Ash: Clarified her response in regards to float space 10w and that Captain Foley was going to foot the bill for the float and that Candace's point was well taken.

Public Statements Closed

Special Agenda Items

Dolphin Fleet Awning

Request for an awning: to prevent wind and rain from entering his booth.

Request for 3-4 feet awning

Rex McKinsey: recommends an 18" to 2' awning

Len Clingham: Setting a precedent. Can it be retractable?

LeeAsh: The roof of the ice shack was a trial and did not work but that does not limit others. Would like to see it retractable.

Phil Tarvers: Mentions arm from awning to building. Those booths have been there for quite a while and he finds it strange that we are having a water problem now. Feels that it is an advertising project. No lettering or advertising on the awning. Referred to the historical society's involvement in the past.

George Hitchcock: Appalled at what happened to booth #1. Does not want to see more of this. Does not see how an awning is going to prevent rain from entering the booth. Does not see the purpose of it.

Len Clingham: Likes the look of the booths. Is appalled as well at the appearance of the ice shack.

The chair asked for a motion and no motion was made to approve the awning.

Lee Ash: Communicate that we do not wish to allow acceleration the booths.

Review Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of 7/27/06.

Motion: George Hitchcock

Second: Lee Ash

Y: 4 **N:** 0

Abstain: 1

Motion Passes

Directors Statements:

Update Directors Projects

George Hitchcock: Week ago a Banner editorial mentioned that we should have wave attenuation. Strike while the iron is hot. Likes the ideas of Marine Enterprises and we should look for other ideas/quotes...Army Corps...Town outline of process should be looked into.

John Baldwin: Agrees with George Hitchcock on wave attenuation. Pet Peeve on the courtesy float...cleaning boats with drinking water, waste of water, use of detergents-degrades the water quality in our harbor. Wants a sign: No Vessel Washing. Drinking Water Only. Hose is not operable in it's current condition.

LeeAsh: Tagging of boats and moorings is a good thing. Wave attenuator as well

Phil Tarvers: Wave attenuator is important as well.

Len Clingham: Pleased with the Banner editorial in regards to wave attenuator. We should capitalize on this while the mood is out there. Asked Rex to look into what the next step is and for other ideas. Can be solved with something ethically pleasing and functional.

Pier Report:

Rex McKinsey: Duane Steele is on vacation. AHM Ribas will cover and continue mapping of mooring field. Started lifting moorings w/Second Effort. Harbor regs state that abandoned mooring equipment becomes property of the town. Gear may be used for wave attenuation, aquaculture projects. We could sell but there is a liability concern.

Phil Tarvers: Concerned that illegal moorings/non renewed are jumping the wait list

George Hitchcock: In regards to the last PPPC board and the mooring wait list, it was a sham/mess and from this point forward we have a process in place.

Rex McKinsey: Small boats and not affecting the mooring wait list. Brought up Captain Kidd.

Lee Ash: F/V Silvermink?

Rex McKinsey: No update at this time.

Bathrooms: David Guertin anticipates installing the sewer last week of August 1st week of September, finalizing #'s. We can move forward after this is completed. A sub-committee should be formed to get in touch with David Guertin.

George Hitchcock: What about the date that it must be finalized? Stay on top.

Len Clingham: George Hitchcock and myself will makeup the subcommittee.

LeeAsh: David Guertin told her that as long as we were underway that the money would not be imperiled.

Phil Tarvers: Can the plans be revisited to raise the HM office and put the bathrooms under.

Len Clingham: Phil Tarvers should be part of the subcommittee.

George Hitchcock: Handicap access was a question.

Phil Tarvers cannot join the subcommittee due to open meeting laws.

Len Clingham: Will report back.

Lee Ash: Comment on meeting w/David Guertin that it is the town's money and does not want to give the impression of not wanting these things.

New Business

Grants

Rex McKinsey handed out a Questionnaire for PPPC Board to prioritize grant funding options.

Directors Closing Statements

Request for Additional Public Statements: None

George Hitchcock: None

John Baldwin: Wakes in the inner harbor; chronic offenders: Created by both those who know and those who do not the rules.

LeeAsh: Not much more to add. Hoping that we are able to shore up some of the maintenance issues so the we can focus on other ideas and projects. On Rex's grant efforts barge floats could be further east so that the fisherman could move out. John Baldwin's comment on the wakes in the harbor, what do we do to change the No-Wake Zone.

Rex McKinsey: A change in Harbor Regulations must be made to the Board of Selectmen.

Phil Tarvers: Most of the signs that he has seen in regards to wakes elsewhere that our no wake signs should say "Strictly Enforced". In the last meeting talked about subcommittee for ideas/survey. It has not been too successful in finding volunteers. One question asked was what was the purpose, answer: ideas for the pier. Responses were: "Do we get to vote", answer: No. Found out that there is a whole group of people trying to change the entrance to the pier, StreetScape /Lopes Square project.

Rex McKinsey: Gave explanation of scope of Lopes Square Project and EDC Streetscape project.

Phil Tarvers: Signage on Commercial Street and elsewhere in town directing people to the pier. Who do we have to talk to?

RexMcKinsey: Highway Dept handles these signs. Decorative signs are VSB.

Phil Tarvers: No sign on commercial street...Full Moon entertainment

Lee Ash: Entertainment at Truro and Wellfleet.harbors. Who pays entertainers?

George Hitchcock: Requested a report on Marine 1.

Rex McKinsey: There was no water intrusion into the engines. Defective equipment, springs and valves most likely. Our insurance surveyor does not want the motors rebuilt, he wants new ones. No Rust on engines.

George Hitchcock: Wait for decision.

Rex McKinsey: Will continue pushing.

George Hitchcock: What about leasing an engine for our boat?

Lee Ash: Should we look into changing our insurance company?

Len Clingham: Will come down to the office and get on the phone w/insurance company.

Phil Tarvers: Call a marine lawyer in regards to the F/V Silvermink.

Motion to adjourn @ 5:30.

Motion: George Hitchcock

Second: Lee Ash

Y: 5

N: 0

Motion Passes

Minutes Respectively

Submitted by

John Davidson

PPPC Administrative Assistant

Len Clingham, Chair

Date