



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Tuesday March 15, 2011

Provincetown Town Hall

Auditorium

260 Commercial Street

Time: 6:30 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Mel Cote, Jerry Irmer, Roger Chauvette, Chris Brooke, Susan Avellar

Members absent: Phil Scholl

Members excused: none

Staff Liaison: Rex McKinsey, Harbormaster

Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

II. Discussion and answering questions/concerns of Conservation Commission. ConsCom member Barbara Prato had concerns on how we addressed the DPW operator and the need for a Commercial Driver's License to operate the equipment. Also, the need to mark grassy areas with flags so equipment operator can recognize areas to stay away and who would plant flags. Rex and/or Brian Carlson, ConsCom agent would handle this responsibility.

ConsCom member Hank Janowsky wanted to know what size pebbles would be picked up. Rex stated that probably be ¼ in. or greater.

ConsCom member Jack McMahon wanted samples taken and compared from year to year.

ConsCom member David Hale recommended that town hire help at about \$15.00/hr to manually rake beach. He is concerned about manually vs. mechanical raking.

ConsCom Chair Dennis Minsky questioned the distance of the beach work area of 500 ft east of MacMillan Pier and 500 ft west of Fisherman's wharf as stated in letter to Conservation Commission dated 3-15-11. This would be accurately measured by consulting engineers.

Cleaning is to be done once per week alternating between beaches east and west.

The Harbormaster or Conservation Agent are to review material removed to determine if it should go into the compost pile at Transfer Station or sent off Cape.

There is a potential that removal of stones may destabilize the beach. He met with the town manager and the Conservation Agent will perform these additional duties. The trial period for the Monitoring Study is to determine the affect of beach raking on the beach before any raking is done, while raking is in process and after raking is completed. There is a need to design a Monitoring Study to determine any affects due to raking. This should include physical, biological (shellfish, bird, invertebrates, etc.) This is limited to 3 years per standard Order of Conditions. If the study shows detrimental effects then that's the end of cleaning. A decision would be made after 3 years if raking is allowed to continue. There is a need of a Master Comprehensive Beach Nourishment Plan and the Harbor Committee should have a lead role in providing and funding this.

ConsCom member Lynne Martin was concerned about the east beach. There is a need for emergency protocol if the tractor or rake break down or spill fluids. Need oil absorbent pads handy.

Further discussion defined the following conditions:

- Time of year for cleaning.
- Frequency of operation
- Areas to be flagged.
- Oversight by Conservation Agent
- Emergency protocol to be included
- Trial period based on Monitoring Study
- Joint meeting of ConsCom and Harbor Committee to determine parameters for Monitoring Study
- Comprehensive Beach Management Plan

Motion made by Minsky and passed by 4-1-0 with Hale against and Martin absent.

Motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to revise the Harbor Regulations as proposed by the Harbormaster. Passed 5-0-0.

Adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Irmer