



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)  
Judge Welsh Room - Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, June 27, 2013**

**Members Present:** Lee Ash (LA), Rich Wood (RW), Ginny Binder (GB), Carlos Verde (CV)  
**Members Absent:** Scott Fraser (SF)  
**Other Attendees:** Rex McKinsey (RM), Pier Manager/Harbormaster,  
Sharon Lynn (SL), Town Manager  
Connie Boulos (CB), Administrative Asst.

Chair Lee Ash called the Public Meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

## ***AGENDA***

### ***Public Statements***

Nancy Swanson, a long-time resident of Provincetown, wanted to address the PPPC about the fishing restrictions and parking regulations. She feels the restrictions take away the pleasure of fishing for her and others. She also feels that the police should not be allowed to park and take up spaces on the Pier (the Assistant Harbormasters should be allowed to however) because other cruisers can be used to transport Marine Patrol Officers to the Pier.

RM brought up the possibility of allowing Barnstable County residents with town permits to park on the pier, specifically Town of Provincetown permits, but still wants to make sure the fishing tenants have parking spaces available to them early morning. RW brought up possibly using the temp tags for this, but RM said the temp tags were only going to be used for artists and mechanics based on previous discussions. CV would like the arrangement to stay the same. LA wants RM and Scott Chovanec to make a decision concerning this matter. GB said that the PPPC will take all of this information under advisement and come to a conclusion.

### ***Special Agenda***

No Special Agenda items.

### ***Review of Minutes***

LA referred to the June 6, 2013 Public Meeting minutes.

***A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 06/06/13 as written.***

***Motion:*** Rich Wood                      ***2nd:*** Carlos Verde

***Vote: Yes:*** 4                      ***No:*** 0                      ***Abstain:*** 0

***Motion passes.***

## ***Directors' Statements***

GB said the Blessing of the Fleet and the Portuguese Feast are very important events for the town. She looks forward to another successful year and wants the PPPC to support RM with anything he needs during this time.

CV – none at this time

RW mentioned that the fishing and parking restrictions on the Pier is a tough, evolving situation that the PPPC needs to work out for the good of the people. Varying different times and restrictions can get convoluted for the staff to apply the rules consistently and fairly.

LA is happy to see how many people use the Pier for fishing. These discussions have allowed her to be cognizant of the amount of people that use the Pier for fishing.

## ***Working Group Reports***

LA thanked CB for helping her find a tenant for the seasonal trap shed. The new seasonal tenant will offer photography that will differ from the current trap shed tenant. Overall, people and residents are very pleased with the trap shed program.

GB also mentioned that the role of the Pier is economic development; showing how the trap sheds have grown individually can show the success of the program.

## ***Pier Manager's Report***

RM started the discussion about parking for Provincetown permit residents on the Pier from 6PM to 1AM, but RW wanted to withhold the conversation so that it can be addressed with full information. RM wants the Pier cleared by 3AM so that the fishermen can park and go to work, and he is pleased with how the current situation is working out. RM said that if commercial fishing is occurring on the Pier, the Town should get a portion of that revenue as well. RW believes that fishing should be full time because the office does have full coverage. Any situations that arise can be addressed swiftly and with authority. CV believes that the PPPC already made a decision about this situation, and allowing town residents with parking stickers to park on the Pier may be a mistake. He is concerned that individuals will use the Pier to park and then go to town for dinner or various activities. RW also agrees simple is better; there may be legal issues between resident town parking permits and other non-resident fishermen. LA believes that this is SC and RM's decision because with the covered shifts, the staff can regulate the fishing and Pier activities safely.

## ***Camera Bid***

The current contract has been cancelled and will be re-bid. This has to be done because according to Town Council, the contract should have been rewarded to the lowest responsive

bidder. RM will be working with Town Council to correct the package and the Invitation to Bid. RM worked with DPW with this bid, but the town does not have a department that handles bids (LA had asked if the town does have a bid negotiator).

SL said all bids will now go through Town Council because the current camera contract (as well as others in town) has been protested and brought to the attention of the Attorney General. GB mentioned that in this situation, the lowest bid option would have been the worst selection; the Pier needs the best value for the money. SL said Town Council will re-word the Invitation to Bid so that the Town does not need to pick the lowest bid.

### ***FEMA***

RM attended a FEMA kickoff meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> concerning the damaged floating docks caused by the Nemo winter storm. According to the meeting, FEMA needs full identification of damages within 60 days, emergency work completed within 6 months, and permanent work completed within 18 months of declaration. This program will reimburse 75% of damages to the Pier, plus we can show repetitive loss for the docks as well as properties across Provincetown. Projects can request extensions if it is an unusual situation. 10 to 100% of cost of reimbursement could be added to the project for a 'make better' section. RM pointed out the dogleg wave attenuator can fall under the make better program. This FEMA program is separate funding from the pre hazard mitigation program for the wave attenuator out by breakwater. GB wants to demonstrate to FEMA that if the Pier does not have a wave attenuator, the board will need to revisit this with FEMA year after year.

### ***Army Corps of Engineers***

RM - The meeting with Crystal Gardner showed that minor deviations from the project Pier plans were in Chapter 91, Amendment 1, the ACoE did not get the public notice for the restrooms and sewer connections, pavilions and shade structures, and Amendment 2, the license for the additional trap sheds. Also, extension to float space 8w, the tool shed, and the two ticket booths for fast ferry companies were not included in the plans. The T will also need to be identified as a multi-use area because of events and the use of offloading. This all gets rolled into one application to the ACoE and RM will make notes on the pier scale drawings to identify all of these changes in the process.

RM - There was also a meeting with Barry Clifford, Provincetown Marina, and Flyers, the three mooring permit holders in the Harbor. Carla Anderson from the Harbor Committee had questions for the ACoE and the permittees. She will report back to the Harbor Committee and meetings will be held this summer to address these questions. LA said that it was nice to see the Harbor Committee take an active role, and GB mentioned that the ACoE should be working like a braid with the Harbor Committee. LA told the PPPC that Barry Clifford will be permitted for a mooring field, and RM replied that the ACoE has allowed the transfer of the permit. On a local level however, the public will have an opportunity to weigh in on the process for Barry Clifford to see if there is a reasonable expectation of service for visitors. RM hopes that the ACoE saw that there already has been a Harbor Plan and a mooring permit process in place.

## ***People GIS***

RM – The meeting with Kevin Flanders went well. He will be training the department on the system, such as setting up mooring renewal forms. SC and Kevin went out in the Harbor with the tablet and downloaded software to explain how it works. RM is looking forward to the new software, which has an engineer's accuracy scale of 3 to 6 feet.

## ***Float Licenses***

RM – Cee Jay's engine has been placed in the vessel and will go back to its berth (2W) tomorrow (6/28/13). RM has approved the Catamaran being docked on the west floating docks because of its long voyage ahead. The Viking Princess's engine is still not repaired; the original issue of the head gaskets led to other problems within the engine. The Coast Guard had originally inspected the vessel because of various issues and the vessel, to date, is still not allowed by the CG for voyage.

## ***New Business***

CV wants the PPPC to focus on the 5 year financial plan and give the Financial Committee an amount for a replacement boat. He also feels that the Pier needs a maintenance vehicle because it is absurd that the Assistant Harbormasters have to use their private vehicles to transport tools and other materials. CV would also like RM to produce a review of what the current floating dock tenants are paying and what is there classification (commercial, limited commercial, charter, etc).

CV was concerned that there was construction near the Whale Watch boats. However, RM said that this is not our project, but the tenant's project. The pilings being added is to replace the anchors that are holding the floats. This also allows the tenants to install high-beams to hang the gangways, which help react to changes with the weather. RM said this is approved. AGM is almost completed with their project as well. RW asked if we had a schedule with AGM to complete this project, and RM said it was originally 3 weeks, but they have been working on it for 5 weeks. RW asked if the contract had a penalty clause, and RM said no. AGM has put down some additional pilings as well, and AGM is contracted for \$137K worth of work. CV had asked RM how much money we have in the account to pay for all of these projects, and RM does not have an amount. Discussion ensued about that, and RM will bring in the amount for the next PPPC's meeting.

RW said that there are vacancies on the floating docks, but the PPPC could not move forward with filling them until the repairs on the south floating docks were successful, which they have been. GB and RW said we need to start looking for tenants.

*A motion was made to adjourn at this time.*

**Motion:** Rich Wood                      **2<sup>nd</sup>:** Carlos Verde

**Vote:**

**Yes:** 4              **No:** 0              **Abstain:** 0

***Motion passes.***

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Boulos  
PPPC Administrative Asst.

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Lee Ash, Chair