



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welsh Room - Town Hall
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 11, 2014**

Members Present: Kerry Adams (KA) (left at 6:20 P.M.), Carlos Verde (CV), Ginny Binder (GB) (left at 6:00 P.M.) and Herbie Hintze (HH).

Members Absent: Scott Fraser (SF) (via telephone).

Other Attendees: Rex McKinsey (RM), Harbormaster and Ellen C. Battaglini, Administrative Assistant.

Chair Kerry Adams called the Public Meeting to order at 5:02 P.M.

AGENDA

Directors' Statements

Kerry Adams, Chair, Commendations:

A motion was made to move the Kerry Adams, Chair, Commendations agenda item to the beginning of the agenda.

Motion: Herbie Hintze

2nd: Carlos Verde

Vote: Roll Call:

CV: Yes.

HH: Yes.

KA: Yes.

SF: Yes.

Motion passes.

KA read a commendation letter in regard to the boat fire that occurred in the Harbor on August 24th. Assistant Harbormasters Luis Ribas, John DeMatteis, Dick Silva and Dan DeGruttola were praised for their quick response and their coordination with the Coast Guard and the Environmental Police to save the lives of two men on board the boat. Mr. Ribas, Mr. DeMatteis and Mr. Silva were present to accept their commendation letters.

Public Statements:

None.

Special Agenda Items:

Gloria McPherson – DART Initiative:

Ms. McPherson appeared to review with the Board an American Institute of Architects D.A.R.T. grant that the Town received. The money will fund a design and resiliency team to come to the Town in November and do an intensive three-day charrette to look at sustainability issues, including environmental sustainability, that have an impact on Town, especially in light of concerns regarding climate change and sea level rise. Economic and housing sustainability will also be studied because these issues are linked to environmental sustainability in the Town. The team will make a preliminary visit in October to meet with different groups to get an idea of issues that the Town faces. Ms. McPherson has scheduled various groups to meet with the team to get feedback in order that they are able to put together the best team to address the issues. Several members of the Harbor Committee are meeting with the team and RM suggested that some Directors may want to attend the meeting. GB and CV said they would both like to attend. The meeting is scheduled for September 17th at 2:00 P.M. and will be held at the Harbormaster's Office. Ms. McPherson will e-mail the grant submission to GB.

Review of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 07/24/14 as written.

Motion: Herbie Hintze ***2nd:*** Carlos Verde

Vote: Roll Call:

CV: Yes.

HH: Yes.

GB: Yes.

KA: Yes.

SF: Yes.

Motion passes.

Directors' Statements

GB: She thanked the HM office and staff on behalf of the Provincetown Community Compact for help with the Swim for Life. She thanked friends and family who attended her mother's memorial event.

HH: He is still concerned about safety issues on the Pier, in particular one vehicle (a motorcycle) whose driver will not adhere to the posted speed limit.

A motion was made that vehicles shall use utmost caution when driving on the Pier, including driving that could endanger the public or cause damage to property, or the driver will be subject to losing the right to drive on the Pier.

Motion: Herbie Hintze

2nd: Carlos Verde

The Board discussed the motion. RM will speak to the individual in question. HH amended his motion.

A motion was made to direct Rex McKinsey to speak with the driver of the motorcycle about the issue.

Motion: Herbie Hintze

2nd: Carlos Verde

Vote: Roll Call:

CV: Yes.

HH: Yes.

GB: Yes.

KA: Yes.

SF: Yes.

Motion passes.

CV: He thanked the Harbormaster's Office and staff for the quick response to the boat fire in the Harbor and its help with the Swim for Life. He likes the new pumpout boat.

SF: None.

KA: He echoed CV's remarks and commended the Harbormaster's Office and staff for their response to the numerous rescues that have occurred this season.

Working Group Reports

Pavilion vending sink: RM gave an update on the vending sink installation. There is a hand-washing sink that is hooked up to a seasonal water line that would be shut down at the end of the year. It has a backflow preventer on it. The Water Dept. will do its regular testing on it. RM will return to the ZBA this winter for a Special Permit for an additional year of the pilot project. The ZBA will be looking for more detail about the project at that time.

Pier Manager's Report

Shellfish Constable brief – RM reviewed his executive summary for a Shellfish Constable position for consideration by the Town Manager, and eventually, by the Board of Selectmen and

the PPPC Board. Tony Jackett has taken the position of Truro Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable, but will provide some part time hours to the Town to address the opening, and the monitoring, of the recreational shellfish beds. This may be an opportunity to re-orient the position and consider expanding the role of the Shellfish Constable within the HM Office. This model already exists in other towns on the Cape. The HM Department already holds some certifications and training needed to enforce shellfish regulations. When hired, the new Town Manager will decide what to do with that position, but the Board could incorporate the idea in its discussions with the BOS over the course of the winter. The Board questioned RM about the proposal.

RM mentioned that the young man who was injured in the boat explosion has retained counsel, who has made a public records request. RM sent along regards to the young man and asked how he was doing.

Trainings – RM reviewed staff training, which is on-going with Coast Guard Station Provincetown, with Cape & Islands Harbormasters, and with Environmental Police officers for pursuit and stop and enhanced vessel ops. RM and Luis Ribas will be undergoing training the week of September 29th for tactical operators. These are mutual aid type operations. Some seasonal staff participated in in-house training with the Police Dept. in the spring which led to a more productive relationship between the two entities. A mutual aid package with other partners on the Cape is being worked out, including the Coast Guard and the Barnstable County Sheriff's Dept.

Response Activity - There were many calls this summer for aid to boaters and walkers on the breakwater. RM suggested that signs might be put at the breakwater to warn walkers about the potential tidal consequences of crossing the breakwater. HH suggested educating Chamber staff about the issue. SF suggested a brochure to be posted at Town Hall, the Chamber of Commerce and the breakwater about walking on the breakwater and its potential hazards.

Events - There were a number of events occurring in the Harbor this summer, including the lobster car race, which the Recreation Dept. will add to the Portuguese Festival activities next year. The Manny Phillips Fishing Derby has been moved to MacMillan Wharf. The Highland Fish & Game Father's Day fishing derby was a success.

The fourth of July Pier Dance was not held this year and there was a threat of a hurricane on that day. The Yankee Car Club is considering moving the venue due to the high price of their lodging and other services provided by the hotel.

Cruise Symposium – RM said that we were well represented at the cruise symposium by Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism and MassPort to promote the new port security plan. We have a booking for a cruise ship in 2016.

Stormy Mayo's boat was launched this summer.

The Bowdoin was not able to visit this year because of a broken mast, however the Charles Morgan with its Mystic Seaport & Stellwagen Sanctuary entourage was a success.

The squid fishing rules have seemed to calm the nighttime activity.

Administrative – The Harbor Committee is working to revise its regulations at the direction of the BOS. The HM Office is working with the Army Corps of Engineers and our engineers to settle past issues regarding dredging and structures on the Pier. These are being rolled into the permit for the reconstruction of the floating docks. The request for money for that project will go to Special Town Meeting in April. By then, the architectural renderings should be complete and the FEMA money received.

The HM Office is also working with the ACE to open a section of the breakwater at the moors to allow more water flow and at least make a section of it more walkable. A coastal resilience grant will allow the Town to move forward with the comprehensive beach management plan. Two stakeholders' meetings are scheduled for September 27th and October 3rd.

PPPC auditors have concluded that the HM Office needs to strike a balance at June 30, 2012 in order to reconcile the Town's books and the HM books, as it is the time that the accounts most closely agree. By next year our audit reports should be timed to coincide with the Town's audit reports.

There was a new ferry service from Plymouth docking at the Pier this summer.

The new pump-out boat has been in use all summer and has increased the ability to respond to medical emergencies and has a greater capacity to pump waste.

Financials – RM reviewed the cash position and the accounts receivable. He anticipates coming close to zero cash by early spring barring any unforeseen hazards. One aspect of the financial position is the FEMA paperwork that has been submitted to back up claims from the blizzard. FEMA has asked for more information related to the grant submission. SF suggested testing RM's hypothesis on a weekly basis by tracking the cash position.

A motion was made to ask staff to prepare a weekly report of the cash position and report to the Chair and Treasurer the net cash position until the current financial crisis has been resolved.

Motion: Scott Fraser **2nd:** Carlos Verde

Vote: Roll Call:

CV: Yes.

HH: Yes.

KA: Yes.

SF: Yes.

Motion passes.

RM related a harassment incident that occurred during a recent wedding on the Pier. The betrothed will receive a refund of their \$250 fee for the rental of the pavilion.

CV questioned RM about Marine 1 maintenance. RM said that the harness between the motors has been replaced and no other major maintenance has been planned. He congratulated RM on the Harbormaster's truck.

CV asked if there has been progress or feedback on the 400th landing of the pilgrim's celebration festivities. RM said that the project is a goal of the BOS between now and the 2021.

CV asked about the condition of the finger piers going into the winter season and if they will need more repair. He would like some kind of evaluation of the finger piers before the winter. RM anticipates that the new wave attenuator will go in next summer after which the tenants will be moved out and the rebuilding of the interior finger pier section will begin.

CV would like the issue of adding a boat ramp to the end of the Pier to go on a future agenda. He suggested trying to entice some of the boat traffic that launches in Truro to Town by adding a boat ramp that is not affected by the tides. Having another boat ramp would also help in case of an emergency that required boats to be evacuated from the Harbor.

SF would like a report from RM on the CIP in terms of what was forecast and what was actually done, including the specifics of the projects, and what was spent compared with what was projected to be spent. He wants the Board to think about the reconstruction of the floating docks in light of the future use of the infrastructure. In about 80% of the ports he has visited, commercial fishing used to be the norm, but now recreational boating use has taken over. He wants the Board to keep in mind what the use of the docks will be not only today, but in the future as well. For example, in 15 or 20 years, the docks may be primarily used by recreational vessels and not for commercial vessels as they are today.

SF mentioned the security of floating docks in harbors that he has visited. They are never open to public access. He thought gated systems would work best on MacMillan Wharf, if the Board were so inclined, and that access only be made available to tenants. He has visited many ports that are using floating wave attenuators as rental space in the off season, similar to what is being proposed for MacMillan Wharf. He thinks the relationship between the Board and Town officials has improved over the past year. This has been due to changes in personnel, the progress that the Board has made and how things have been managed and commended RM on his fortitude during that period of time.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini,
PPPC Administrative Coordinator

Kerry Adams, Chair