



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welsh Room - Town Hall
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, June 12, 2014**

Members Present: Kerry Adams (KA), Ginny Binder (KA) and Herbie Hintze (HH).

Members Absent: Scott Fraser (excused) and Carlos Verde (excused).

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

Chair Kerry Adams called the Public Meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

AGENDA

Public Statements:

Elena Bingham appeared, she claimed, on behalf of the residents of Town to discuss the issue of squid fishing on the Pier. She requested that the Pier remain open for squid fishing until 3:00 A.M., with the bathrooms open and trash receptacles readily available. She would also like the area where squid fishing is allowed be expanded. She submitted a petition to that effect signed by 50 Town residents. She knew that there had been several unfortunate incidents related to squid fishing that had happened in the past, however she claimed that the issues that led to those episodes had been eliminated. She suggested that visitors to the Pier could be given parking passes to park or a discounted parking pass for the day. She is out on the Pier most of the time and has not observed any problems recently.

KA said that an agenda item pertaining to the issue will be scheduled for the next meeting.

Bob Fleming appeared to thank Board members for their service to the Town. He asked the Board to consider expanding the hours for fishing on the Pier to at least 2:00 A.M. This would accommodate residents who work in restaurants and do not get out of work until midnight. He would also like the Board to consider opening up the 'T' to fishing. In addition, he suggested that fishing after midnight be restricted to residents and guests who are staying in Town.

Review of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 5/8/14 as written.

Motion: Herbie Hintze

2nd: Ginny Binder

Vote:

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 5/22/14 as written.

Motion: Herbie Hintze ***2nd:*** Ginny Binder

Vote:

Yes: 3 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Directors' Statements

GB: The Pier's Special Permit application was submitted and the matter will be heard on June 19th.

Acting Town Manager David Gardner asked how vendors would be chosen. RM said that the idea for the pavilion will be a pilot project this summer and the process was outlined in the ZBA submission. Once the market has been tested and data collected, an RFP will be sent out. GB added that no one will be precluded but certain criteria will be necessary, such as being in good standing with the Board of Health, having a site that is located within a short distance of the Pier and having been operating as a business for a certain period of time.

HH: He drove down to the Pier the other night and noticed the lights on top of the pavilion were shooting out into the water. He thinks they should be pointed upwards towards the flag.

RM said that staff will do an adjustment to the lights. He added that the HM office was working with Rise Engineering regarding the possibility of replacing all of the lighting on the Pier with LED bulbs.

KA: He mentioned that the Father's Day Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday. The Pier Corp. was kind enough to let it take place on the Pier. He said that the curb painting on the approach Pier was a good idea and should continue all the way down the Pier. He would like to see more 10 MPH signs on the Pier; one for the first lamppost as one drives onto the Pier and one for each of the crosswalk signs.

Working Group Reports

Joint meeting materials for BOS meeting postponed to 6/23:

RM said that SF had asked for some additional information to be included in the second draft of the narrative to be included with the packet. He reviewed the narrative. The ideas that are being proposed are to credit the ferry embarkation fees to the Pier Corp., to lease the Pier for one dollar

and to charge excursion embarkation fees. This should give the BOS an idea of how much needs to be made up in order to properly fund the maintenance of the Pier through revenue, to make sure the contributions to the capital reserve are adequate and that the expenditures for maintenance of the Pier are appropriate for the life of the facility. The Board discussed the narrative. GB will work on the last paragraph of the narrative. RM said that the security cameras are allowing the HM office to have more information and it is being used.

Pier Manager's Report

RM was in training for three days. He related an incident that happened recently where a pedestrian suddenly collapsed on the Pier. He said that now, instead of waiting to be sued, the HM office can segregate and gather video evidence from the security cameras for this kind of event. The information can then be stored on a flash drive and notice can be given to our insurance company. The insurance company can then send out a marine representative who will take a report and interview witnesses. This will insure that the information gathered is fresh.

RM sent the excursion embarkation fee language in regard to using the facility adjacent to the HM office to Town Counsel and Attorney Larry Uchell for review. He has heard back from Attorney Uchell and his recommendations are in the packets.

The owner of the 9W float space, Robert Burns, has not yet paid his deposit. The Hindu has paid the 10W float space fee. The Board discussed how to proceed with the 9W situation. GB said that a letter should be sent that states that if payment is not made within seven days, the gangway will be disconnected from the Pier.

A motion was made to send a letter to Robert Burns stating that if payment is not made within seven days, the gangway for the 9W float space will be disconnected from the Pier.

Motion: Ginny Binder

2nd: Herbie Hintze

Vote:

Yes: 3

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

RM suggested that the letter should include the statement that failure to pay the balance by June 30, 2014 will result in Mr. Burns' losing the grandfathered status of the float space. In other words, if payment is not received by June 30th, Mr. Burns is in default and the 9W float space license is void. The Board decided that the deposit needs to be paid within seven days, otherwise the gangway will be disconnected and, if the remaining balance is not paid by June 30th, the grandfathering of the license will be revoked. GB amended her motion.

A motion was made to send a letter to Robert Burns stating that the deposit for float space 9W must be paid within seven days or its gangway will be disconnected and the remaining balance must be paid by June 30th, or the grandfathering of the license will be revoked.

Motion: Ginny Binder

2nd: Herbie Hintze

Vote:

Yes: 3

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

KA asked if the HM office takes deposits when yachts make reservations. GB suggested that a credit card number be taken over the phone when the reservation is made and if the vessel does not show up or the reservation is not cancelled twenty-four hours prior to the reservation, the credit card should be charged for one-day dockage.

A motion was made that any vessel making a reservation for dockage at the Pier be required to provide a credit card number in advance of its arrival. If the vessel fails to show up or fails to cancel 24 hours prior to its scheduled arrival, a one-day dockage charge will be placed on the credit card.

Motion: Ginny Binder

2nd: Herbie Hintze

Vote:

Yes: 3

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini,
PPPC Administrative Coordinator

Kerry Adams, Chair