

**PROVINCETOWN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
February 3, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Dennis Minsky, David Hale, Barbara Prato and Mark Irving.

Members Absent: Lynne Martin, (excused).

Others Present: Austin Brandt (Conservation Agent) and Ellen C. Battaglini (Recording Secretary).

Chair Dennis Minsky called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential payment of divers' expenses for work related to hydraulic clamming activities:

John Baldwin, of Seafood Divers, was present. The Commission discussed reimbursing Mr. Baldwin for his diving services related to the hydraulic clamming activity at Herring Cove Beach. He had submitted an invoice for 3 days of diving services at \$200 per day, for a total of \$600.

David Hale moved to appropriate the sum of \$500 for the payment of dives relevant to underwater photography of hydraulic dredging off Herring Cove Beach, Mark Irving seconded.

The Commission discussed the motion and the invoice. The Commission noted that Mr. Baldwin had contracted with the Harbormaster's Office for his services so the Commission decided that payment would be made to reimburse the Harbormaster's Office for the diving services.

The motion was so voted, 0-4. The motion failed.

The Commission then tabled the issue until the next meeting and will request that the Harbormaster's Office submit an invoice to the Commission for reimbursement for the diving services in question.

MINUTES: January 20, 2015 – David Hale moved to approve the language as written, Mark Irving seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

After a review of the Commission's accounts, Dennis said that there was \$4000 of a County grant remaining. Dennis didn't know by when the money needed to be spent. Austin will research the file.

Dennis raised the issue of Chuck Silva's failure to pay a \$300 fine for performing unpermitted work last summer. Austin said he had been in touch with the Police Dept. about the issue. The Commission discussed the topic. Austin will update the Commission at the next hearing.

Dennis said that a lot of work has been done on the MESA by-law protocols. Austin thought the Commission had already reviewed that material and that there had been no updates since then. He would like the Commission to develop performance standards for Administrative Reviews for projects that only fall in the MESA jurisdiction because he reviewed building permits to determine if the projects involved were subject to the by-law.

The Commission briefly discussed allegations that hydraulic dredging activity had been occurring in an area known to contain eelgrass.

ADJOURNMENT: Barbara Prato moved to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen C. Battaglini

Approved by _____ on _____, 2015
Dennis Minsky, Chair