

Provincetown Harbor Committee

Meeting of

November 13th, 2002 – 4:00 PM

Judge Welsh Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Rex McKinsey (Chair), Al Davis, Bari Hassman, Sheila LaMontagne, Mel Cote.

Public: Beverly Dwyer Ormston, John Santos.

Rex McKinsey introduced the members and called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

Minutes

It was moved to accept the minutes of October 30th, 2002.

Motion by: Bari Hassman

Seconded by: Al Davis

Vote: 3-0-0

Sheila LaMontagne and Mel Cote could not vote as they were not present at the last meeting.

John Santos of Flyers Boat Rental and a member of the public spoke to the Committee regarding mooring fees and maintenance of moorings. He wanted the Committee to understand what the Town is charging for rental moorings as opposed to him, as a private business. He stated that those renting from the Town do not get facilities like water and electric hookups. He also brought out that there are many abandoned moorings for which the Town is losing income and that moorings should be inspected once a year. Basically, he wants uniformity in mooring rates for Provincetown residents.

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- a. **Drafts from the State:** Rex McKinsey stated that there was nothing extraordinary about the letters from the State with the exception of the one to Beverly Dwyer Ormston regarding the \$6,616.00 payment contributed to the Town of Provincetown Harbor Access Fund.
- b. **Property Owners' Workshop:** The Town will do research with Coastal Management to determine assessments and revisions to the Harbor Plan. This process will start next Spring. A discussion of this was tabled until Thursday's meeting.

Harbor Brochure

Rex McKinsey handed out proof copies of the new Harbor Brochure and asked the Committee members to look over the information contained therein and check if there were any omissions or suggestions for inclusion to pass onto the Visitors Service Bureau for final printing. 5,000 copies will be printed. This was tabled for another meeting.

Americorp Volunteers for November 15th

On Friday, November 15th, all the signs will be picked up and replaced next Spring on steel posts, which will be more permanent than the present ones.

Winter Goals Matrix and Timeline

Rex McKinsey handed out a tentative schedule for next year's goals and timeline for the Harbor Committee. He then went over the list item-by-item with the Committee members.

Rex McKinsey stated that the Budget Request was due and he will use the same figures as last year and submit them. Capital Improvements Requests will be put in at the same time.

Beverly Dwyer Ormston, a new applicant for Harbor Committee member, arrived at the meeting at 4:40. Rex McKinsey and the other Committee members welcomed her.

There are 9 applicants for the position of Harbor Master. These will be narrowed down and the position filled by the end of December. Suggestions were made to Mel Cote for questions to ask the applicants.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Harbor Committee on Wednesday, November 20th at 5:00 PM.

Harbor Regulations

Rex handed out copies of a memo from Keith Bergman, Town Manager, regarding the Public Hearing to Amend Harbor Regulations, which will be held on either December 16th, or 23rd. The memo listed the amendments that might be considered for changes. Rex compiled a list of Proposed Harbor Regulations for consideration for changes. He asked the Committee members for input. Al Davis was concerned about the mooring regulation regarding liability insurance for any vessel in the Provincetown harbor. The other members had no changes or comments regarding this list.

Old Business

None

New Business

A motion was made to accept the application of new member, Beverly Dwyer Ormston. **Motion by:** Sheila LaMontagne **Seconded by:** Al Davis **Vote:** 5-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM and continued in the Caucus Room so that further discussions can take place without delaying start of scheduled Planning Board meeting.

Time and Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th, 2002 at 5:00 PM in the Judge Welsh Room at Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted
Joel Glasser

Provincetown Harbor Committee Meeting Nov. 13, 2002 (meeting reconvened at 5:30 PM in Caucus Hall)

Members attending: Al Davis, Mel Cote, Sheila LaMontagne, Rex McKinsey
Public: Beverly Dwyer Ormston

The committee met to discuss the setting of mooring fees. Sheila LaMontagne to continue meeting minutes. Chairman McKinsey recused himself from this part of the meeting due to a conflict of interest and left meeting.

The members discussed the following issues:

- Fees set previously
- Increases made in individual fees
- Inshore moorings described as moorings above the mean low water line
- Offshore moorings described as moorings below the mean low water line
- Relevancy of boat length in determining mooring fees
- Residential and Non-residential fees
- Individual and Rental moorings

The committee unanimously agreed to the following:

INDIVIDUAL MOORING FEES:

RESIDENTIAL FEES:

Individual mooring fees for vessel 0-16 feet: \$20 flat rate

Individual mooring fees for vessels greater than 16 feet: \$20 for the first 16 feet plus \$4 for each additional foot.

NON-RESIDENTIAL FEES:

Individual mooring fees for non-residents for boats 0-16 feet: \$50

Individual mooring fees for non-residents for vessels greater than 16 feet: \$50 for the first 16 feet plus \$10 for each additional foot.

RENTAL MOORING FEES:

Moorings above the mean low water line: \$100.

Moorings below the mean low water line: \$150.

HOLDING MOORINGS:

Residential Fees: \$100.

Non-residential Fees: \$200.

Motion to forward the fee structure to the Board of Selectmen was made by Al Davis, seconded by Mel Cote. The vote was 3-0.

Notes:

The committee felt that the individual mooring fees had been doubled in the last restructuring of fees and should not be raised at this time. Non-residential fees were below the fees implemented in other towns and should be substantially raised. (The committee is interested in exploring a possible moratorium on new moorings for non-residents.) Because the length of the vessel determines individual fees, the committee felt that differentiating between inshore and offshore moorings was not a consideration for individual mooring fees. The length of the vessel has not determined rental mooring fees, and the committee felt that the fees for rental moorings should distinguish between inshore and offshore moorings. The committee decided to keep inshore moorings at the old rate and increase the offshore moorings.

Al Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Mel Cote seconded this motion. The vote was 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila LaMontagne

Approved by: _____ on _____
Rex McKinsey, Chair Date 20Nov02