

March 17, 2004

Members Present: Kerry Adams, Alice Brock, Heather Bruce, Gerard Irmer,

Members Absent: Melville Cote (excused), Beverly Dwyer Ormston

Advisory Staff: Jon Gilmore (Absent)

Harbor Master: Chris Flavell (Absent) Chief Meyer

Pier Manager: Rex McKinsey (Absent)

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Review and approve minutes March 3rd, 2004

Kerry Adams made a motion: To table discussion of minutes until the end of the meeting. Heather Bruce seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Jerry Irmer announced that Beverly Dwyer Ormston sent her letter of resignation from the Harbor Committee to him and the Board of Selectmen on March 8th, 2004. The committee expressed their grievances and discussed Don Murphy or Bob White as potential candidates. Jerry Irmer would check on the procedures for appointing a new member.

Jerry Irmer also announced that Monday March 22 at 6pm the Board of Selectmen will present the Mooring Fee change for discounts to Seniors 65 and up who are Provincetown residents.

REPORTS

Harbor Plan Revision Subcommittees

Heather Bruce reported on the progress her Chapter 91 Subcommittee is making. She feels they are on a roll, meeting every week and researching and writing 6 hours a day or more. She is starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. She explained they have found a way to discuss the changes they want to see in the interpretation of Chapter 91 without challenging Chapter 91 itself. They are changing the vision statement and re amplifying options within Chapter 91 that are better suited for the Provincetown Harbor Plan. Heather explained the reason there is so much of a conflict of interest with the current Harbor Plan is that it was originally drafted by Urban Planners in Boston who did not prioritize the uniqueness of Provincetown Harbor. She advised to the other committees to elaborate on the issues that are cross-referenced within their sections as well as across sections. (Ex. Chapter 91 is dealing with parts of Land Use as well).

The Committee discussed formatting issues, to be sure that all changes made from the original document can be easily seen, and that the new document is as readable as possible. Kerry Adams also requested that the changes be made in a way that allows the committee to vote on accepting them section by section.

The Committee also discussed how they will present their new Harbor Plan to the Secretary, especially after the earlier troubles of trying to amend the Harbor Plan in 1997 and receiving no action. They wanted to know why that matter was ignored and how they may avoid that reoccurring by following the proper guidelines for submitting their amendments.

Motion made by Heather Bruce: To draft a letter to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs regarding proper guidelines for proposing changes within the Harbor Plan to be discussed at the next meeting by the Harbor Committee.

Kerry Adams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Organize Spring Beach Cleanup

Chief Meyer was present to discuss last years action and plans for this year's Spring Beach Cleanup. Last year on a Saturday morning in late April, a morning that coordinated with low tide, a group of around 15 people showed up to clean the beach. The group consisted of 9 Americorps volunteers, some CASAS members and other individual citizens. The volunteers took out of date bright orange permit stickers to identify large trash items (boats) to be picked up by the DPW mechanical "jaws" and thrown into a truck. They also took garbage bags, supplied by Chief Meyer, which they filled with rubbish and left in piles along the beach for the same DPW truck to pick up. Chief Meyer said the only problems to watch out for were to not trash any boats that were still in use, and to watch out for rising tides near seawalls. Overall he described the event as very successful and covering much ground.

The committee discussed more details with the Chief and decided they should look at the tide chart to decide a good Saturday morning in April for the 2004 Cleanup date and advertise to the town. Suggestions for advertising were an ad in the paper, posters in Town Hall and an "Earth Day" program suggestion to the elementary school. Everyone suggested ways to bring more people out by giving more incentive such as a contest, free soup or ice cream (donated from town businesses).

The committee decided to confirm a date and research the ideas discussed to present at the next Harbor Committee meeting.

MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of March 3rd, 2004.

Revisions were discussed by the committee pertaining to language used on the second page. 1. It was the Town Manager who presented the Harbor Plan to request and extension, not Jerry Irmer. 2. The Secretary did not ~~approve~~ *respond* to the changes ~~because it was not within her authority.~~ 3. To go before ~~Board of Selectmen~~ Town Council.

Motion by Kerry Adams: To accept the minutes of March 3rd with the discussed changes. Heather Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SET TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in Caucus Hall on Wednesday March 31st, 2004 at 4:30pm.

The Amendments to Harbor Regulations / Mooring Fees will go before the Board of Selectmen at a Public Hearing on Monday March 22, 2004 at 6pm.

Motion moved by Kerry Adams: Adjourn Harbor Committee Meeting of March 17, 2004. Alice Brock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison Boutin

Approved by _____ on _____, 2004.
Gerard Irmer, Chairman