



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)  
Provincetown Town Hall, Judge Welsh Room  
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, November 9th, 2017**

**Members Present:** Kerry Adams (KA), Herbie Hintze (HH), Scott Frasier (SF)

**Excused Absence:** Regina (Ginny) Binder (GB), Carlos Verde (CV), Jarrod Koskey (JK)

**Other Attendees:** Rex McKinsey (RM)

**Public Attendees:** Ray Duarte (RD), Robert Casper (RC)

**Chair, Kerry Adams, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.**

**Public Statements:**

(RD) began public statements by stating that a couple of retired fisherman approached him and asked why fishing was closed for the season off the pier to include locals. He further stated his position on the matter and asked about fishing off a dinghy on the finger piers and it's legality. (RM) replied that the controls were originally put into place due to issues regarding squid fishing and due to those controls, the individuals fishing for squid did begin to fish from the dinghys and that has been now also prohibited around the piers. The controls did as intended to remedy problems that were being experienced. He further stated that the only option was to close down the fishing completely due to restriction in place by the Department of Marine Fisheries and asked (KA) to further discuss alternate options. (KA) stated he was willing to allow fishing from 0800-1600 while the pier was manned. (RM) stated that he arrives at 0700 and that if 0700-1600 were preferred he would have no issue with the added hour.

**Motion made to allow fishing from the pier from 0700 – 1600.**

**Motion-** (SF)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion –** (HH)

**Yes-** (SF), (KA), (HH)

**Motion Passes.**

Discussion briefly ensued regarding the subject.

(RC) introduced himself and began his public statement by introducing his document that he provided prior to the meeting and was included in the meeting packet and wished for it to be read into the record. (KA) stated that due to the length of the document it would be inserted into the records and filed accordingly and protocol does allow for deliberation of a public statement following the presentation.

**Special Agenda Items:**

(RM) discussed the agenda for preparing for the BOS Meeting on November 27, 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding the trap sheds as well as the way to present the financials to better represent the true revenue due to how the income falls with regard to a calendar year and fiscal year.

**Motion made to approve the minutes of the PPPC Board Meeting of October 27, 2017 as written.**

**Motion- (HH)**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Motion- (SF)**

**Yes- (KA), (HH), (SF)**

***Motion passes.***

**Pier Manager Report:**

(RM) reported that the FEMA contract has arrived and the Finance Director will be signing same and an electronic transfer will occur. He stated that this money will off-set the \$335,000 from the town meeting vote in 2015. He continued by stating that the \$335,000 was spent and the pier gained an additional \$222,000 from FEMA which in turn creates an actual cost to tax payers of between \$112,000 and \$113,000 for the entire project on the fender piles.

(RM) furthered his report by stating that the claims adjuster has inspected the restrooms but the project is ongoing and the changes will be a benefit to the design and overall flow rectifying the issue of the female restroom and concerns expressed of privacy as well as winterization of plumbing.

(KA) asked if the project would cost the pier any expenses to which (RM) replied that the answer would be available once the insurance returned with their estimate.

Discussion ensued.

(RM) proceeded with his report on the desire of the Assistant Town Manager wanting to streamline and decrease paperwork by including the 295 budget and the Harbor Committee budget as would be done with all committee budgets and department budgets. This would provide a sum of \$1,400 to the pier.

Discussion ensued as to how this affects the pier or not to which it was explained that it does not as we already handle the Harbor Committee funds.

(RM) proceeded with the physical plant update by advising the board that the pier equipment has been prepped for winter and that Marine 1 would be out of the water by Thanksgiving and the security cameras have been serviced and that one wireless antenna was down and scheduled for repair. (RM) also reported that we are in the process of receiving quotes for more area coverage of cameras as well as an office generator and a ductless heat/ A/C system for the back office. He advised those present that the old heater had been removed due to age and it being inoperable.

(SF) asked if there would be at least one vessel in the water to which (RM) replied there would be.

(RM) discussed that a meeting had taken place with the dredge coordinator for ideas and options of pumping sand into the area planned and that should the need arise, Cape Cod Excavating would be available if necessary to assist and that there would not be a need for a containment area and this would begin in December.

Discussion ensued regarding ways to mitigate the need for dredging again.

(RM) continued by informing those present that in the last ten years there has been approximately \$2,250,000.00 in grants added to which led to further discussion for the potential of further grant research for other needs of the pier.

**Directors Statements:**

(SF) stated he is reviewing the commercial fishing rates and definition of a commercial fisherman as to how it pertains to our fleet.

(HH) asked about the U.S. flag not being lowered to half - staff following the incident in Texas. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that when the Governor sends out the order that the flag is to be lowered.

(KA) thanked Luis Ribas and John DeMatteis and other staff for a good season despite being short staffed and his appreciation for how well the Wounded Warrior event was handled.

**New Business**- None

**Unfinished Business:**

(RM) discussed the cost of ice and that data was being compiled to help in the determination of the real cost of production and rates. He also discussed a grant proposal with Truro to share a salt water ice machine. Discussion briefly ensued.

(SF) brought up options for the collection of data for embarkation fees and the number of passengers being reported to the pier.

Discussion ensued including different methods of the pier taking a pro-active approach to verifying the numbers and the most appropriate ways to do so. It was also discussed if it was necessary. Methods discussed included turn stiles, scanners as well as an added transparent fee being added to ticket prices.

(SF) asked (RM) to also consider other options after speaking with the tenants.

**Motion made to adjourn PPPC public meeting of November 9th, 2017.**

**Motion - (SF)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Motion - (HH)**

**Yes - (HH), (KA), (SF)**

**Chair, Kerry Adams, adjourned the PPPC Meeting of November 9th, 2017 at 5:58 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jarrold Koskey  
PPPC Administrative Assistant

Kerry Adams, Chair

