

Harbor Committee

Wednesday

May 14, 2008

Judge Welsh Hearing Room

4:30 pm

Members present: Gerard Irmer, Philip Scholl, and Mel Cote.

Members absent: Keith Amato (unexcused)

Marty Huey (excused)

Staff: Rex McKinsey

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Review/amend/approve minutes of 4-23-08

Motion: Move to accept the minutes of the April 23rd meeting as revised.

Motion: Phil Scholl Seconded: Mel Cote Vote: 3-0-0.

Public Statements

There were none.

Unfinished Business

Rex feels that the Harbor Committee should attend a meeting of each of the following boards: Planning Department, Zoning, and ConCom to heighten awareness of Chapter 91 and the need for the other boards to look out for odd numbered Commercial street properties that may have harbor front issues. To do that, HC needs to get on their agendas, but not at every meeting.

Goal Proposals for Harbor Committee:

It was decided to use last year's goals as a model with a few changes. One of the changes was on #3 of the town wide goals. Instead of stating "Research and investigate blocked Public Access Ways" it was decided that the word blocked should be eliminated and "encroachment of" put in its place, thus #3 should now read:

3. Research and investigate **encroachment of** Public Access Ways.

Also under department-specific objectives - #1 has already been discussed under **Unfinished Business** and an addition to #3 add: working with ConCom to create protocols to develop a plan to clean beaches.

Mel also suggested that perhaps working with the DEP, CZM and DPH on implementing the Ryder Street beach sanitary survey might be a good addition.

Any other business that shall properly come before the Committee

599 Commercial Street – Waterways License No. 9184

The work proposed is not below the high water mark and therefore of no consequence to the Harbor Committee.

595 Commercial Street – Waterways License No. W96-5407-N

Jerry Irmer will write a letter to Mr. Gitto approving the application.

Report on Conference Call

Mel Cote reported on a conference call he had recently with a myriad of people, i.e., CZM, DPH, DEP, etc. The call took about an hour and covered many subjects all to do with the harbor. The Ryder Street beach sanitary survey is high on the list of subjects covered. Mel also said they mentioned having more public outreach for the dog owners.

Rex had recently received a tri-fold bulletin about animal waste and water quality that could be promoted at the Dog Run Dog race scheduled for Saturday, June 21st. The race is being orchestrated by Paul Gardner, founder of **Dog On Dog**. It will be a 5K run with dogs and their owners starting at Kalmar Village in Beach Point with the ending point at MacMillan's Pier; the destination has already been approved by the Directors.

Storm drains were also part of the discussion. It has been found that Gosnold and Ryder Street are the biggest areas of concern. All the findings were e-mailed to Sandy Turner who is currently on vacation.

Chico-Jess Saga

Rex said that the money for the removal of the Chico-Jess has been received BUT when the Board of Selectmen (BoS) found out about it – they now want Rex to research a place to put the vessel once it's raised (maybe should be razed) so it can serve as a memorial to Provincetown's heritage as a fishing village. The one thing anyone can think about with this suggestion is **Charlotte** the trap boat preserved for the same purpose which lay in rot behind the new library. It became wooden splinters! The BoS were enthused with their idea but stipulated "as long as it doesn't cost any money!"

Proposed New Owners of Fishermen's Wharf

Prior to the Harbor Committee the proposed new owners of Fishermen's Wharf had a meeting with the Town Manager and the Pier Manager amongst others. They wanted to discuss what they may do

for the wharf and to see what restrictions may lay in their path. The group plans on meeting with the Harbor Committee in the near future. It seemed like a meeting that might be ongoing.

Rex advised holding back on the harbor plan until the group thoroughly explores what the new owners contemplate.

West End Boat Ramp

At the same BoS meeting where the Chico Jess preservation was discussed, the condition of the West End boat ramp was brought up. One of the selectmen thought that the repair could be made from the Harbor Access Gift Fund which – in November – amounted to \$117K. Rex had spent a great part of the day taking pictures and measurements of the boat ramp. He suggested a bit of support for the repair. An application for a state grant would get \$50K for a substantial repair which would probably last about 10 years. The following motion was made as an attempt at a compromise:

Motion: Move to recommend to the BoS that the DPW temporarily repair the boat ramp with dispersed funds not to exceed \$1K from the Harbor Access Gift Fund and further recommend pursuing Public Access Board funding for more substantial repairs.

Motion: Mel Cote Seconded: Phil Scholl Vote: 3-0-0.

Adjournment happened at 5:30 p.m.

Next HC meeting: Wednesday, May 28 in Town Hall at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by _____

Jerry Irmer, Chair

Date