

# Public Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2008

Location: Blue Room  
Community Center,  
44 Bradford Street  
Time: 4:30 pm

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

**Members absent:** Marty Huey (excused)

**Staff:** Rex McKinsey (excused)

## AGENDA

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

### **Review/amend/approve minutes of 11-12-08**

**Motion:** Move to accept the minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting as written.

**Motion:** Mel Cote      **Seconded:** Phil Scholl      **Vote:** 4-0-0.

### **Unfinished Business**

Jerry Irmer met with the Town Manager and some of the Selectmen. They're in favor of a beach cleaning machine. Michele Couture said she would contact the Board of Health (BoH) to submit a "Notice of Intent" to get this moving. Jerry said that he will follow through with an e-mail to the Conservation Commission (ConCom).

Jerry said that he had called many ConComs on the Cape and they said that they had no concerns about seaweed.

### **Public Statements**

There were none.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Review 2005 Amendments to the 1999 Harbor Plan status**

Rex McKinsey had said he would present amendments to the Harbor Committee at today's meeting but he evidently wasn't ready because he didn't attend.

### **Chapter 91**

#### **Waterways Application No. W96-8220-N – 523 Commercial Street**

The Landing Condominium has a lot of property that is seaward and has a 4 ft wide private way adjacent to the property. The Committee didn't see anything disturbing in the application and viewed it as wanting a license for something they did years ago thus there will be no comments.

#### **DEP License No. 11421 The Berg Family Trust – 371-373 Commercial Street**

Jerry Irmer promised to follow through by calling Chris Snow, the Berg's attorney. The proposed

change is that the steps at the seaward end of the paved public access be replaced by a beach access ramp.

**Waterways Application No. W08-2494-N Boatworks Bldg.  
333R Commercial Street**

The public hearing took place on December 17, the day before the Harbor Committee meeting. It was suggested by Susan Avellar that an additional comment to the application be that the beach grass and rosa rugosa planting be protected by putting in a split rail fence with perhaps a gate that would allow for pedestrian access to the beach. She also suggested signage that would prohibit parking in that area.

**Waterways Application No. W96-6575-N Bay Shore Condominium  
493-495 Commercial Street**

After a brief discussion it was decided that there would be no comments on this application.

**Waterways Application No. W96-8220-N Mary Kass & Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co. 571  
Commercial Street**

The hearing was held on December 17<sup>th</sup> and – once again – the Harbor Committee was not notified of the hearing. Actually the property is east of Howland Street and these property owners own down to the low water mark – so, again, no comment.

**Waterways Application No. W96-8185-N Elia Sinaiko  
609-611 Commercial Street**

Mel Cote said this is a similar case – just replacing the stairs. The stairs started above the mean high water and now were added onto just a month ago but it shouldn't have been done without the state's permission.

**Discussion**

Susan asked the other committee members how they felt about the harbor loop? She felt it wasn't feasible due to a lack of space.

Also she said that Rex and Candy from the Chamber of Commerce have met with other harbormasters on getting more cruise ships to come to Provincetown. The cruise ships are notorious for dumping the minute they get beyond the 3 mile limit and Susan worries that this waste will end up on our beaches. Mel also feels we should think about this. Bar Harbor has many cruise ships and they, too, have noticed the down sides of having them, i.e., wrecked lobster pots, fouling of beaches, etc.

Mel said that he had taken a walk along the beach just this morning and he found the beach is filthy.....just plain black!

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Jerry Irmer, Chair

Date