



Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Provincetown Town Hall, Judge Welsh Room
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, September 13, 2018

Members Present: Regina (Ginny) Binder (GB), Herbie Hinze (HH), Scott Fraser (SF), Rick Holland (RH)

Other Attendees: Rex McKinsey (RM), Daniel Llata (DL)

Excused Absence: Carlos Verde (CV)

Public Attendees: None

Chair, Regina Binder, called the Provincetown Pier Corp meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Public Statements:

None

Motion made to approve the PPPC Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2018:

Motion: HH

2nd Motion: SF

Yes: (SF), (GB), (LA), (HH)

Motion Passes

Special Agenda Items:

(GB) stated that there's a Town Meeting in October. Article 10 is the Harbor Front Overlay district. Article 11 concerns the Site Plan Review, for which she must recuse herself.

(RM) stated that are substantial changes proposed by the Select Board regarding the charter.

(GB) stated that this is still open for public comment; we have until October 11 for any requisite changes. This can be done at the next meeting.

(HH) stated that there is confusion about whether board members must reside in Provincetown.

(GB) suggested that we put it on the agenda.

Boston Ferry Contracts:

(HH) recused himself from this topic.

(GB) stated that she read the old ten-year contract that once existed with Mike Glasfeld of Bay State Cruises, whose contract is currently on an annual basis. A ten-year lease makes sense because Bay State cruises has a ten-year contract in Boston.

(SF) asked whether over the course of the years we're getting nothing more than CPI increases?

(RM) responded that we've gotten nothing more than CPI; Glasfeld contends that the number was high to begin with.

(SF) stated that this amounts to less than 1% of a \$60 ticket.

(RM) stated that the pier was designed to have an extra lane for ferry traffic. Today we have two people every weekend to handle traffic, on first and second shift.

(SF) stated that our various customer segments must each pay their fair share to maintain the cost of the civic infrastructure.

(GB) stated that we should assure the ferry operators that we are looking at how a long term contract could be of mutual benefit.

(RM) stated that a multi-year contract would require approval from the Select Board.

(SF) stated that if we're landing 200,000 passengers per year at \$1 per head, going and coming, it would amount to \$66 instead of \$65 per ticket.

(GB) stated that the 2013 lease contains language that's now irrelevant. Let's gather numbers and formulate a draft lease for discussion.

(HH) re-entered the room after having recused himself from the previous topic.

Review of Seasonal Employees:

(GB) stated that we should ask our seasonal employees to evaluate their experiences. Let's post job advertisements earlier than we did in 2018.

Trap Shed Program:

(GB) stated that the Trap Shed program has worked out very well. We should invite our tenants to one of our meetings to comment on their experience.

(HH) stated that the Hawthorne School of Art has been a great addition this year, it's very nice to see the art students out there painting.

(GB) stated that we could co-sponsor a grant for these artists, based on the success of the trap shed program and how it contributes to the Pier. She asked whether the Board would like to consider building another shed.

(SF) suggested that the price for a new trap shed not exceed \$15,000.

(HH) added that the new trap shed should be ready by the start of the next season.

Motion made to build another Trap Shed on MacMillan Pier to be completed by next season, cost not to exceed \$15,000:

Motion: (GB)

2nd Motion: (SF)

Yes: (GB), (HH), (SF), (RH)

Motion passes.

Pier Manager's Report:

(RM) stated that it's been busy year. The Schooner Regatta was a successful event. The Swim for Life was larger this year. USCG and other sectors were involved, as there was concern about the topic of seals and sharks.

(GB) stated that safety is our highest priority.

(RM) stated that new pilings will be replaced on the pier.

(SF) stated that we must develop a new system in which the maintenance of the pier can be economically sustainable.

(GB) suggested that we have a joint meeting with the Select Board, so that they can make the decision to include this in the town meeting? The advertisement for Facilities Manager received only one application, let's continue to advertise for this position.

Member Statements:

(HH) stated that there are no lights in the pavilion; this should be a big priority.

(RH) stated that town officials serving as volunteers at Swim for Life should conduct themselves as Ambassadors of the Town.

(SF) stated that he has spoken with Tova, the bookkeeping project is coming along nicely, but we will need a part time bookkeeper.

Motion made to hire a bookkeeper.

Motion: (SF)

2nd Motion: (GB)

Yes: (GB), (HH), (SF), (RH)

Motion passes.

(SF) stated that he'd like to advertise for a part-time bookkeeper.

(GB) suggested that we put the issue of a part-time bookkeeper on the next agenda.

(GB) concluded the meeting by thanking all of the volunteers to made the 31st Annual Swim for Life the most successful we have had yet.

Motion made to adjourn the Provincetown Pier Corp public meeting of September 13, 2018.

Motion: (GB)

2nd Motion: (HH)

Yes: (GB), (HH), (SF), (RH)

Motion passes.

Chair, Regina Binder, adjourned the PPPC Meeting of September 13, 2018 at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel D. Llata
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