



## Provincetown Public Pier Corporation

# Minutes

The Provincetown Public Pier Corporation Meeting Minutes of March 04, 2020

RB called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Regina (Ginny) Binder (RB), Chair; Herbie Hintze (HH), Carlos Verde (CV); Scott Fraser (SF).

**Other Attendees:** Doug Boulanger (DB), Facilities Manager; Don German (DG), Harbormaster.

**Town Manager**  
Robin Craver (TM).

**HC Members:** Elise Cozzi (EC), Wendy Laughlin (WL).

Jamie Staniscia also in attendance.

RG called the meeting called to order at 1:04 p.m.

TM: She has been working with the Pier Corp and the Harbor Committee on the transition of the previous Harbormaster. She discussed the Marine Services Agreement and mentioned The Harbor Committee had requested from the Board of Selectmen that they not reup the services agreement. She believes there is a way to meet the needs of both the Harbor Committee and the Pier Corp.

The Pier Corp made a good case for wanting to keep the Harbormaster Services on the Pier and that there were savings for both the Town Harbormaster Services as well as the Pier Corp. Both positions can complement each other. She stated the hiring process of the Harbormaster goes through the Town Manager as well as the Assistant Harbormasters. However, the town now has an HR Director and they want to make sure all of the town employees are hired through the town process. The budget was adjusted taking the salary of the Harbormaster out and will be recommended to the Select Board as such. The Assistant Harbormasters will be employees of the Pier Corp but are technically being paid through the town system and according to the act will receive the benefits that other town employees receive. The Assistant Harbormasters when they are doing Assistant Harbormaster functions will report to the Harbormaster and when doing pier maintenance will report to the Pier Manager.

GB: She stated DG and DB are coordinating well in terms of maximizing the effectiveness of staff.

TM: She stated she would be taking the Agreement to the Harbor Committee as a courtesy as to what she is recommending to the Select Board for their review of it. This is just a courtesy as this is an Agreement between the Pier Corp and the Select Board. She discussed the Harbormaster salary with respect to where in the budget that position would be.

### **Public Statements**

JS: He mentioned it was discussed in a previous meeting to allocate shared space for Aquaculture at the Pier and have it managed by the Shellfish Committee and have them collect the fees for this. The Shellfish Committee said this was something they were not interested in.

SF: He stated It could work through a group via a cooperative format by having five or six people that want to get together and manage it.

JS: He stated one of the goals for the Aquaculture Industry is to form a Growers Association.

JS: He mentioned he filled out an application last year and there was a point system of the application. He also heard talk about other criteria such as income and residency that is addressed in the point system.

SF: He stated there are a few areas where the point system is applied that only impacts about 10% of boats.

JS: That does not give weight to new applicants from Provincetown over existing applicants from other towns.

SF: He mentioned based on the Harbor Regulations and the Act, the Pier Corp is required to give preference in assignment of dock space to Provincetown and Truro based vessels.

GB: She stated the Town Manager will be working with other Town Managers of other communities to see if they would be willing to subsidize their fisheries to be in Provincetown.

### **Blue Economy Project**

GB: The Blue Economy Project is an interpretative panel program that's been requested of the Pier Corp of two panels. The Pier Corp would need to agree to the document so the program can start. This is to promote the fishing industry and Blue Economy.

CV: Motion to approve the Blue Economy Project pending forward review of location, content and size.

SF: Added the wording pending review of implementation details of the Blue Economy project pending full review.

SF: Seconded. Voted: Unanimously.

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HH: Motion to approve as presented.

SF: Seconded.

Voted: Unanimously.

### **Updates to Harbor Regulations**

Several minor changes were made to these regulations as underlined in red. See attached.

### **Harbormaster Report (See attached)**

Kalmar Nykel requesting Aug 8 thru 27, 2020

GB: She would like to discuss this at the next meeting. People are complaining that the Kalmar Nykel is taking business away from others. Also, they need to do better on their trash removal.

Pier Manager Report (See attached)

The Harbor Regs, dock allocation process and dock assignments all fall together.

SF: He mentioned they will sort out the applications based on the regulations with priority given to Provincetown based vessels based on their level of activity.

CV: He worked on the list and from what he could determine at present there are only two boats that will be moving over.

### **Finances**

SF: He stated he would like to have a spreadsheet in order to know what the price increases will be for revenue. He would like to get the maintenance reserve in good condition. Office space will be an issue within the next 4 or 5 years.

DB: He said the price increase is not just with the fishermen. It will be from other sources as well.

SF: He said the Pier Corp needs a financial model to see where they need to go. He asked Jose Cardinal if she could pull together information on how much the town has supported in maintenance on the pier over the years. She provided figures from 2016 Spring Town Meeting onward. He said given the figures, the support to the fishing industry has been quite significant.

No further comments or suggestions.

**Adjournment**

HH: motion to adjourn at 3:03 p.m.

SF: Seconded.

Voted: Unanimously.