

Town of Provincetown
PROVINCETOWN PUBLIC PIER CORPORATION
Open Meeting

Meeting Date: January 6, 2003
Meeting Place: Town Hall
Members Present: Joyce Guide, Nancy Howard, Martin Michaelson
Excused Absent: George Hitchcock
Others Present: Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager; Members of the Public
Call to Order: Joyce Guide called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Expense Budget:

Rex McKinsey presented the expense budget for January 2003.
This covers past bills, grant, advertising, operating budget, startup expenses, etc.
It will go out to bid and/or be considered for a Barnstable County Program.
Rex McKinsey stated that he met with Bruce Miller, Provincetown Head of Finance.
The meeting was to learn the procedures to gain access to money.
The PPPC will submit their financial reports to the town every 30 days.
PPPC's votes will give the authority to spend said amounts.
Numbers are based on non-profit rates.

Martin Michaelson asked about other financial sources: membership dues, Chamber of Commerce, Provincetown Business Guild, and Cape Cod Marine Trades Assoc.

Nancy Howard asked if Bruce Miller approved the budget expenses? Rex will have the answer next week.

Joyce Guide said that the PPPC is expected to make motion re: budgets before Rex submits it to the town.

A motion was made for the PPPC, in accordance with the grant agreement with The Town of Provincetown, to request that the town make outlays from the grant fund in the categories specified in the PPPC's January 2003 expenses budget. Outlays in no case are to exceed the amounts specified in respective categories.

Motion: Martin Michaelson
Second: Nancy Howard
Vote: 3-0

Insurance:

Rex McKinsey had a productive conversation with BY&G Insurance Co. and was supplied with coverage information and availability. They are sending applications to him.

Martin Michaelson is interested to find out about different types of coverage for PPPC and their availability. He asked if Rex had spoken to other towns regarding their insurance.

He wants to speak with Mass. Development for insurance suggestions and program options.

By the next meeting, he would like written information from other insurance sources. The PPPC will not submit any application now. Next weeks agenda will include further discussion re: insurance.

Joyce Guide wants to discover what is the whole palette of insurance options, cost, and availability for PPPC considering that it is a small and unique corporation.

Boston Harbor Cruises and other pier clients:

Rex McKinsey suggested that he call Boston Harbor Cruises to get their base information re: number of boats, their capacity, and frequency.

Nancy Howard and Martin Michaelson stressed the importance of having a smooth transition with the pier's current clients. Since the PPPC does not have any authority for the pier yet, they must coordinate their efforts with the Town of Provincetown. PPPC will find out which town employee now works with the pier's clients and initiate working as a team until the transition.

It was agreed to work with the Town of Provincetown for existing clients but not for new clients.

Town Members come to the table for the meeting:

David Dutra inquired about the pier's **Harbor Master**.

Rex McKinsey proposed that the position is on a month-to-month approach until ProFish and the PPPC lease is finalized.

Rex McKinsey had to leave the meeting at 6:21pm.

David Dutra spoke of difficulties **off-loading fish at the pier and transient boats:**

Transient boats are occupying pier space.
ProFish boats are displaced due to transient boats.
Joe Vinagray has a mess of stuff on the pier.
Some boats at the pier are not paying fees but use electricity and other amenities.
He does pay and wants his rights for his berth.
Stated that there are now three out-of-town boats at the pier and paying people don't have their berths.
Local fishermen need to be able to off-load.
Between Joe Vinagray, AGM equipment, and transient boats; there is no room to off-load.

PPPC stated that they do not yet have responsibility for the pier.

Martin Michaelson said that PPPC could speak with Keith Bergman, Town Manager, on behalf of David Dutra.

Nancy Howard stated that the Police Chief is working on the situation but does not know which information he is aware of. She suggested speaking with the Police Chief re: boats that are not paying.

John Baldwin stated that for the past two winters he has tried to work with Joe Vinagray. Joe would help him when it was convenient, but sometimes it was not. When Joe does help him, he does not accept any payment. He only uses Joe's ramp and not his crew.

David Dutra questioned whether other boats must help them off-load or if it is optional.

He asked David Guertin, Director DPW; and the Assistant Town Manager about a jib boom to help fishermen off-load. Currently there is no boom.

Joyce Guide queried that Joe Vinagray's lease contract may need to be changed based on his current footprint.

The PPPC will ask Rex McKinsey to look into these situations and judge whether the PPPC can help prior to their lease execution.

David Dutra stated that the pier should be open to fair competition and fair use of pier, for fish buyers, fishermen, etc. He also asked about floats. PPPC stated that they would not be installed until spring.

The next PPPC meeting is scheduled for Monday, 1/20/03. It will be an Executive Session from 5-6pm. and the Open Meeting will begin at 6pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Longo

Approved by a 3-0 vote on 1/20/03
Joyce Guide, Chair