

Town of Provincetown  
Provincetown Public Pier Corporation  
Open Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time and Date: 3:10pm August 16, 2003

Meeting Location: Provincetown Police Station

PPPC Members Present: Joyce Guide, Robin Haueter, Nancy Howard,  
Martin Michaelson

Also Present: Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager  
Stephen Mindich

Martin Michaelson introduced Stephen Mindich to the Board, who was attending the meeting to discuss the PPPC's possible interest in acquiring Fishermen's Wharf, and proposed that the Board consider investigating the idea of buying the property, while acknowledging that presently there are questions about the value, condition and currently-generated income of Fishermen's Wharf. He also expressed the view that a well-run Fishermen's Wharf, together with MacMillan Pier, would create a critical mass which would have beneficial consequences for the rest of the town.

The Board discussed ways to proceed in terms of valuation, assessment, and financing of the property and it was decided that Nancy Howard should first call the owners in order to get more information about the wharf being offered for sale, and eventually follow with a list of the information that the PPPC would want to know.

Stephen Mindich left meeting.

*Motion to approve the August 9<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting minutes as written:*

Motion: Nancy Howard  
Second: Robin Haueter  
Vote: 4-0

*Motion to approve the August 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Session minutes as written:*

Motion: Robin Haueter  
Second: Nancy Howard  
Vote: 4-0

### Commercial Fishing Definition

Robin Haueter presented his report "Qualifications for Consideration in a Definition of Commercial Fishing", which included as possible criteria the following: Holds a valid commercial fishing permit from Massachusetts, Amount of catch, Proof of sale, Meets Coast Guard standard for safety equipment on commercial boats, Maintains insurance designated for commercial boats, Receives a percentage TBD of income from fishing.

Nancy Howard will look into how this is handled in Gloucester.

Robin Haueter noted that this discussion could not be resolved today, as he was waiting for comments from George Hitchcock on this matter.

### Letter to Brown Rudnick regarding Lawrence Uchill

Robin Haueter presented the draft of a letter to the Managing Partner of Brown Rudnick expressing the Board's appreciation for PPPC Counsel Lawrence Uchill's work. Members suggested minor revisions.

### Ramp Signs

Rex McKinsey presented his proposal for signs at the Pier to warn of the slippery ramp and also to announce rules regarding swimming and diving off the Pier.

Insurance

Joyce Guide told the Board that she has as yet no further information to report.

Lights on the Tee

Rex McKinsey reported that he has spoken with David Guertin and with the electrician to turn off the light that has been the source of the complaints from the residents in the East End, and will be looking to see if the new configuration will give sufficient ambient light to the area on the Pier. He will also alert Profish that the lights are going to be adjusted for testing and ask if they would check to see if it poses any problems for the fishermen.

Other

Members expressed their agreement with the organizational plan put forward by Robin Haueter and Joyce Guide.

Rex McKinsey reported that there have been no noise complaints regarding the music on the Pier this week, and that Steve Melamed has decided that he will not seek to extend operation into September.

Rex McKinsey distributed the berthing agreements for Bay State Cruises and Bayside Betsy's/Modern Continental and the Members signed the agreements.

*Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Sublease Agreements and other private matters:*

Motion: Martin Michaelson  
Second: Robin Haueter  
Vote: 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mira Yamaoka

**Approved at a meeting on 8/23/03 by a vote of 4-0. Joyce Guide, Chair**