

Town of Provincetown
Provincetown Public Pier Corporation
Open Meeting Minutes

Meeting Time and Date: 3:26pm September 6, 2003

Meeting Location: Provincetown Police Station

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

Also Present: Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager

Motion to into Executive Session to discuss lease negotiations:

Motion: Martin Michaelson

Second: Robin Haueter

Vote: 3-0

Motion to leave Executive Session to go to Open Meeting:

Motion: Martin Michaelson

Second: Robin Haueter

Vote: 3-0

Operational Issues

- Rex McKinsey reported to the Board that there is now an internal control system in place for the jib crane, including a log for the signout of the key.

He also said that the extension for submitting documentation for billing expired on September 4th, and that higher bills have been sent out for those whose paperwork was incomplete or missing. He said that payments and paperwork have been coming in.

Rex McKinsey will prepare a budget vs. actual statement for next week.

Martin Michaelson commented that he thought that the Pier Manager's Hurricane Action Plan for the Pier was a thoughtful and impressive document.

On the issue of the lights on the Pier, Joyce Guide told the Board that she is working on contacting the engineer who developed the design to discover if the criteria used in the design was correct and if the specifications were properly followed by the contractor, before determining if the payment will come from the contingency fund. She also stressed the importance that the lighting issue be resolved.

Commercial Fishing Definition

- Robin Haueter told the Board that the PPPC had created a rate structure that was designed to support commercial fishermen and that resembled a subsidy, although there has been a problem to determine who needs help and who doesn't, as there are many types of commercial fishermen. He proposed as an alternative, that the Board develop a plan and then offer it to the Board of Selectmen.

Martin Michaelson observed that insofar as the PPPC is a non-profit, it can identify the amount of subsidy that is needed by presenting the amount of revenue at market rate, and if the Board of Selectmen considers that it is better that the PPPC not go to market rate, that they provide subsidy at their discretion based on need. In this scenario, pushcarts make up revenue from other sources and will be credited to the subsidy that the Town pays.

Robin Haueter spoke in favor of this plan, noting that if the PPPC take away rampups and instead institute subsidies, that there may be more revenue, while at the same time, a lower rate will be available to those who need it.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mira Yamaoka

Approved at a meeting on 11/22/03 by a vote of 3-0. J. Guide

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