



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welsh Room in Town Hall
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, February 24, 2011**

Members present: Lee Ash, Kerry Adams, Rich Wood, Ginny Binder and Carlos Verde.

Members absent: None.

Other Attendees: Rex McKinsey (Pier Manager/Harbormaster) and Ellen C. Battaglini (Administrative Assistant).

Chair Lee Ash called the Public Meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Public Statements

None.

Special Agenda Items

None.

Review Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 02/10/11 as written.

Motion: Ginny Binder **2nd:** Kerry Adams

Vote:

Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **A:** 1 (Carlos Verde abstaining)

Motion Passes.

Directors' Statements

Carlos Verde: Referring issue of tenant complaints to State Ethics Committee for independent investigation was right move.

Rich Wood: Board of Selectmen voted not to allow his discussions or votes on dockage rates because of perception of conflict. On-going discussions with Carlos re Accounts

Receivable. Has reviewed FY10 draft audit. Met with Jeff Jaran as a follow-up to last Public Meeting. Discussed cruise ships, employee background checks, Assistant Harbormaster duties and responsibilities and parking enforcement.

Ginny Binder: Laments BOS decision re Rich's participation in dockage rate discussions as he has assisted her research invaluablely. Should use Dolphin Fleet request letter to demonstrate Board's willingness to work with long-term tenants of Pier to find solutions to problems, complaints or proposals for benefit of all involved. Whale-watch business is a primary economic engine of Town. Opportunity to project positive image of how Board manages businesses and revenues of Pier, and how Pier sustains economy of Town and vice versa.

Kerry Adams: Phil Tarvers approached him about Plymouth Ferry coming over to MacMillan Pier. Owner of that business should present a proposal to the Board. Thinks State Ethics investigation could be positive if conducted fairly.

Lee Ash: Hasn't heard if State Ethics investigation is moving forward. Glad to have had Rich's contribution re dockage and definitions. Has seen "Lobster Wars" on TV and found it educational. Met with Tom Coen re budget to include in Town Report for Town Meeting.

Working Group Reports

Lee asked about status of Trap Shed rentals. Weekly trap shed is booked from end of June to middle of September. Brief discussion ensued.

Pier Manager's Report

Update Engineering Survey – Floating docks aspect of survey is almost complete. Rich, Kerry and Rex need to review. Need more information about current conditions. Got elevation drawings for trap sheds. Historic District Commission needs to review trap shed proposal. Decision could be done administratively. Ginny and Lee will help Rex with HDC presentation.

Board discussion ensued.

Handicapped Ramp Variance – Meeting with Town Disability Committee to discuss the variance request re the handicapped ramp in advance of meeting with the Architectural Access Board. Ginny helping Rex on this issue. Gathering letters from users of ramp.

Board discussion ensued.

Razor's Edge – Broker attorney has answered complaint. Marc Gonsalves has not responded and is now in default.

Board discussion ensued. Rex will investigate how other Piers or Marinas handle these kinds of situations. Board discussed tenant dockage fees. Rex will work with Rich and Carlos on restructuring statements in an effort to avoid future AR issues.

Yankee Lamda Car Club – Re-booked for their event on September 10th.

Kayak Racks – The Conservation Commission issued a Negative Determination for the proposed kayak racks. HM office will monitor project.

Beach-cleaning – The Conservation Commission has continued the topic until March 15th Hearing. Pilot project encompasses cleaning beach from Whalers Wharf to Johnson Street. Positives of this project could include gaining scientific data from beach evaluation before cleaning begins, cleaner beaches, control over boats on beach behind Surf Club, if staff recommendations are adopted by BOS, and an additional piece of grass cutting equipment for DPW.

New Business

Float Space 1W – Board discussed Jon Salvador's letter regarding limited use of his float space. Rex spoke with David Guertin about problem and possible options. Issue is result of shadow cast by Municipal Parking Lot and stoppage of sand and seaweed in that area.

Board discussed dredging options. Department of Environmental Protection would need to be consulted if any dredging operation were undertaken. Board would ultimately like to find short, medium and long-term solutions to the issue. Eventually it will affect the courtesy float.

Board discussion on options ensued. Lee and Rex will do some investigating re options available. Rich will let Mr. Salvador know that the subject was addressed at the Meeting and Lee will write a response letter.

Float Space 10W – Continue to pursue advertising 10W.

Meeting Schedule – A Public Hearing will be held on March 17th and next Public Meeting will be on March 31st.

Milliken Letter – Board discussed Milliken proposal re rate reduction based upon a lower passenger load on whale watch boats and possible addition of a larger vessel to fleet.

Board discussion ensued.

Ginny suggested asking how long Mr. Milliken would like to see the reduced rate in effect, what his plans for the future are and what he see as a fair and equitable arrangement over the next several years considering those plans, and how he and the Board can work together to resolve the issue. In addition, the Board would like information re what whale watch boats in other ports are charged per passenger.

A motion was made to get more information from the Dolphin Fleet.

Motion: Kerry Adams **2nd:** Rich Wood

Vote:
Yes: 5 **No:** 0 **A:**

Motion Passes.

Motion to adjourn @ 6:45 P.M.

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Vote:
Yes: 5 **No:** 0

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini
PPPC Administrative Assistant

Lee Ash, Chair