



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welsh Room in Town Hall
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, March 17, 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 Hearing on Rates and Regulation Changes

Public Statements:

Alex Brown – Thinks Beached Boat permits should be free for mooring permit holders.

Todd Motta – Commented about proposed electrical charges and suggested meters be installed.

There were two letters in the file related to the rate changes. One from Will Buckley in opposition to the Trap Shed rate changes and one from Leo Rose expressing concern re the proposed definitions and expressing his opinion that the increase in fees is extensive.

Chair Lee Ash closed the public portion of the Public Hearing on Rates and Regulation changes and continued the discussion until the March 31, 2011 Public Meeting.

Public Statements

None.

Special Agenda Items

None.

Review Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 02/24/11 as written.

Motion: Kerry Adams

2nd: Carlos Verde

Vote:

Yes: 5

No: 0

A: 0

Motion Passes.

Directors' Statements

Rich Wood: Accounts Receivables Sub-Committee met with Rex and reviewed process for collecting past due bills from tenants and transients. Will have further details at next meeting. Met with the auditor, Rich Bienvenue, to review FY2010 draft report. Commented on Vast Explorer, which requires staff to pump out periodically. Incumbent on Board to deal with vessel and make sure same situation doesn't happen again.

Ginny Binder: Pleased to be at this point with proposed regulation and rate changes. Met with Green Arts Festival people and encouraged them to contact Rex about integrating Festival with Pier. The more Pier is integrated into Town-wide activities, the better. Also working on HDC presentation re Trap Sheds.

Kerry Adams: Expected more people to attend the Public Meeting. Spoke to Mr. Motta's comment re electrical rates. Metering is difficult, but Board could possibly look at evaluating process after a year.

Carlos Verde: He and Rich had a good meeting with the auditor. Thinks A/R Sub-Committee has a good plan moving forward with delinquent accounts. Agrees with Mr. Brown re Beached Boat permits. Re electrical charges, Board can try this system out for a few years and then reconsider. Surprised that so few people showed up for the Public Hearing.

Lee Ash: Thanked Board members for hard work on changes in regulations and rates.

Working Group Reports

Engineering Survey – Rich reported that a 4-page summary and proposals had been received from Bourne Engineering re replacement and remediation of floating docks. He is still studying the information.

Alex Brown inquired of Chair if he could ask additional questions regarding the regulation and rate changes as he had previously not read through all of the material. Chair responded that Mr. Brown is welcome, as is anyone, to put his questions or comments in writing or contact Rex or any Board member for clarification. She reiterated that the Board will vote on changes at the next Public Meeting on March 31st.

transportation hub. Grandfathering may hinder the Pier Corp.'s ability to build an adequate maintenance fund.

Steve Milliken – Inquired about a vessel proposing to use the fast ferry float.

The Board has not received a proposal at this point. Will let Mr. Milliken know when a proposal is received.

Todd Motta – Had a question about electrical usage by a boat using his slip. Reiterated his opinion that electrical meters should be used instead of an electrical surcharge.

Chair Lee Ash adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:50 P.M.

New Business

Rich Wood brought up the near-drowning incident that occurred on the Pier on Friday, February 25th for discussion about what can be done to prevent it from happening again. Suggested possible installation of railings, drop ladders, life rings or other form of safety equipment.

Board discussion ensued. The topic will be put on the agenda for the next Public Meeting.

A motion was made to write a letter to the men who rescued the father and his daughter from the Harbor on February 25th, commending them for their actions

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

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

Motion Passes.

Chair will draft the letter

Motion to adjourn @ 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini
PPPC Administrative Assistant

Lee Ash, Chair