



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welsh Room - Town Hall
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, June 14, 2012**

Members present: Lee Ash, Carlos Verde, Rich Wood, Ginny Binder and Scott Fraser.

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

Larry Smith, a commercial tenant, appeared with a request for a waiver pursuant to Pier Regulations concerning commercial fishing definitions. Mr. Smith is seeking an exemption for the requirement that he submit catch reports in order to qualify for the 2012 commercial fisher dockage rate.

The Board will take Mr. Smith's request under advisement.

Rich Wood recused himself from the discussion of the next issue

Rex reviewed a letter signed by several charter boat captains and submitted to the Board for its consideration. The letter requested a reduction in the charter boat fee, specifically an adjustment that would more accurately reflect the rates of competing harbors, which would allow charter boats to be more competitive and bring more business to Town. The letter also pointed out that many charter boats have commercial fishing permits, which their respective captains spend a major portion of their annual working time working. These fishermen/charter boat captains fall into multiple rate classifications according to the commercial fishing definitions in the Pier Regulations, and the letter requests that the Board implement a new rate for these tenants.

Brief discussion ensued. Ginny will take it under advisement and discuss with the Rate Sub-Committee.

Special Agenda Items

None.

Review Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 05/24/12 as written.

Motion: Ginny Binder **2nd:** Carlos Verde

Vote:

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

Motion Passes.

Directors' Statements

Scott Fraser: Update on Dan Hoort's progress re Town's certification of Pier balances. Reviewed e-mail correspondence and attachments between Dan and the Town's and Pier's auditors. Looking for a next step in the process. Pier should operate on calendar and not a fiscal year as soon as this issue is resolved.

Discussion ensued. Dan Hoort joined the discussion. Reported that he sent an e-mail to Town's auditor urging a resolution to the matter.

Carlos Verde: None.

Ginny Binder: None.

Rich Wood: Thanks to Rex and staff for support of Veteran's Fishing Day.

Lee Ash: Pleased about MPO project. Has growing pains, but is coming together. Looking forward to its continued development. Viewed a lecture re history of Provincetown Harbor by Napi on local access TV. Showed some of his artwork. May ask him to do similar presentation at Pavilion.

Working Group Reports

Rates Working Group – Looking to continue to fine-tune the tiering of rates, including taking into consideration issues raised by charter boat captains.

Discussion ensued.

Trap Shed Sub-Committee – Excited about the summer Trap Shed season and how program is progressing, including addition of more sheds. Rex informed Board that DEP

Public Hearing on amendment to Chapter 91 license to add trap sheds is June 25th at Town Hall. Has support of Harbor Committee.

Pier Manager's Report

MPO Pilot Project – Reviewed draft training manual.

Discussion ensued. Chief Jaran, Sharon Lynn and Officer Scott Chovanec joined the discussion.

Pet Policy – Pets not allowed during shifts unless prior approval of department head is received and only with extraordinary circumstances. Exception is dog on third shift four nights a week with stipulation that he stay behind office gate.

Floating Docks – Assignments complete. Charter boats all together on north floating dock.

Discussion ensued.

EPA Group – Visited the Pier for evaluation re conservation moorings. Reviewed other projects with group, including beach cleaning and EPA sampling work re repair of outfall pipe to reduce bacteria loading and storm drain connections.

Summer Intern – Daniel Maggio has begun working with PCCS on environmental monitoring of the beaches, researching future intern positions and doing some diving.

Sandwich Docks – Have arrived. Stored on 'T' until they are reinforced for dinghy dock. Work will continue over course of summer to implement as dinghy dock extensions.

Raceways – Completed. Comcast has been installing cable for two days. Should have high speed internet access for HM office and tenants in the next few days.

Amex proposal – Reviewed application for use of the Pier. Proposal includes handing out premiums and leaflets re Amex small local business campaign.

Discussion ensued. Directors would like more information. The issue is tabled for two weeks. Ginny will do research and report back to Board at next meeting.

At 7:15 P.M., a motion was made to adjourn the Public Meeting and to convene an Executive Session pursuant to M.G. L. c. 39, s. 23B (3) and not to reconvene in Regular Session thereafter.

Motion: Rich Wood

Second: Carlos Verde

Roll Call Vote:

Lee Ash: Yes.

Rich Wood: Yes.

Ginny Binder: Yes.

Carlos Verde: Yes.

Scott Fraser: Yes.

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini,
PPPC Administrative Assistant

Lee Ash, Chair