



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Judge Welsh Room - Town Hall
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, June 28, 2012**

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

Members absent: Lee Ash (excused).

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

Vice Chair Rich Wood called the Public Meeting to order at 5:03 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 06/14/12 as written.

Motion: Ginny Binder **2nd:** Scott Fraser

Vote:

Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **A:** 0

Motion Passes.

Directors' Statements

Ginny Binder: Was down on Pier and thought MPO project running smoothly and is worthy of continuing.

Scott Fraser: None.

Carlos Verde: Thought the Blessing of the Fleet went smoothly, was well-attended and enjoyed by many.

Rich Wood: Echoed Carlos' sentiments re Blessing. Got his boat blessed this year.

Open Meeting Law presentation:

Rex reviewed seminar conducted by Town Counsel. E-mail treated as any other type of communication and subject to public records disclosure, even if sent from personal computer. Counsel recommends that information related to Public Meeting discussion be sent with addressees on 'Bcc' line to avoid inadvertent 'discussion' if 'Reply all' is hit. Suggest trying to avoid communicating via e-mail.

Discussion of these issues ensued. Suggestion that Board start a blog or set up public e-mail box to dispense information.

Board sub-committees subject to same posting requirements. More detail required in agendas and based on what Chair reasonably believes will be discussed.

Working Group Reports

Ginny had conversation with Amex executive in charge of program to promote small businesses and seeking to operate on Pier. Part of a broader program to reach LGBT community. Concerned that they didn't seek endorsements from PBG or Chamber. Discussed fee for use of Pier based on calculation of how many people per day they potentially could have access to. She suggested fee of \$8000 to use Pier and have access to that number of people. She advised Amex that she would discuss conversation with Board.

Discussion of issues involved in the request. Location, price and precedent were discussed. Ginny requested to be empowered by the Board with a number to negotiate fee.

A motion was made to request that Ginny move forward with a proposed fee of \$8000, not to fall below \$6000, for the use of the Pier by Amex and to negotiate if needed.

Motion: Carlos Verde **2nd:** Scott Fraser

Vote:
Yes: 4 **No:** 0 **A:** 0

Motion Passes.

Pier Manager's Report

Blessing of the Fleet recap – Blessing went smoothly. Recreational boats lining up to be blessed flyered by staff re protocol. David Flower's Pier Dance scheduled for July 3rd and fireworks for the 4th. As in past years, a 90' barge will be used with Winkler lending his barges to supplement.

MPO Pilot Project – Moving forward well. He and Chief updated BOS last Monday night. HM and MPOs attended Chapter 90B training re boating laws sponsored by the Mass. Environmental Police.

Auditor's Update: Town Auditor is ready to certify cash in our accounts, allowing all recent Pier audits to come out of draft form. Dan Hoort has been persistent in resolving the issue.

Squid Fishing – Closed Pier to nighttime squid fishing on Sunday night because of continued abuses of commercial vessels and Pier by squid fishers. Many are catching large quantities of squid, transporting it out of Town and selling it. Should pay a fee for commercial activity like all others on Pier. Consulted Division of Marine Fisheries re making a presumption of commercial activity based on volume. May even be grant money available to help with accessibility for recreational fishing.

Environmental Police consulted and are onboard with HM recommendations. For commercial activity, squid fishers need to possess a commercial species-specific fishing license and a dealer's license, be registered with the Commonwealth to operate commercially, demonstrate the handling of catch according to HACCP regulations and verify that product is being sold to an approved outlet. If qualified, they can purchase a dealer's off-loading permit for \$500 per vehicle. No use of generators or Pier electricity allowed. Recreational fishing will be encouraged, but must have saltwater fishing license. Less than 5 gallons allowed per vehicle per day for recreational fishers. Floats, docks, pavilion and transportation dock are off limits to fishing. Strict enforcement of vessel trespassing by MPOs with PPD back-up if necessary.

Discussion ensued. Rich recused from discussion but not from conducting meeting.

A motion was made to endorse the recommendations of the Harbormaster in regard to squid fishing on MacMillan Pier.

Motion: Carlos Verde 2nd: Ginny Binder

Vote:

Yes: 3 **No:** 0 **A:** 1

Motion Passes.

Motion to adjourn @ 5:50 P.M.

Motion: Carlos Verde

2nd: Scott Fraser

Vote:

Yes: 4 **No:** 0

Motion Passes.

Documents presented:

Amex promotional materials
Pier Manager's report

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini,
PPPC Administrative Assistant

Lee Ash, Chair