



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPC)
Judge Welsh Room - Town Hall
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, August 23, 2012**

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

Members absent: Ginny Binder (excused).

Other Attendees: Rex McKinsey (Pier Manager/Harbormaster), Ellen C. Battaglini (Administrative Assistant), Sharon Lynn (Town Manager), Lieutenant Jim Golden (Provincetown Police Department).

Chair Lee Ash called the Public Meeting to order at 4:58 P.M.

AGENDA

Public Statements

Julie Goodridge and Eric Price appeared to report a public safety issue concerning boats in the west end of the Harbor traveling at high rates of speed. Ms. Goodridge swims in that area daily and was nearly hit by one last week. She has called the Harbormaster's Office yearly to report boats operating at excessive speeds in this part of the Harbor. She is requesting, in the interest of public safety, that 'no wake' buoys be placed in the western portion of the Harbor to delineate areas that are frequented by swimmers and kayakers. She stated that Flyer's has cooperated by letting their boat renters know where 'no wake' zones are located. Mr. Price reiterated Ms. Goodridge's concerns and suggested license and mooring holders be notified of the location of 'no wake' zones in the Harbor.

Brief discussion ensued.

Special Agenda Items

Rich recused himself from the discussion because of a conflict of interest.

Sub-Tenant Review:

Todd Esse: Mr. Esse appeared to give the Board an overview of his business and his future plans for the business. Goal is a commercial fishing and charter business, including pleasure cruises, whale watching and sport fishing.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to approve the application of Todd Esse as a sub-tenant of Float Space 1E with the stipulation that he submit a business marketing plan and/or advertising material to the Board within two months.

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

Vote:

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

Motion Passes.

Chad Avellar: Board reviewed copies of Mr. Avellar's website home page, business brochure, insurance and captain's license.

A motion was made to approve the application of Chad Avellar as a sub-tenant of Float Space 4W.

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

Vote:

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

Motion Passes.

Review Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 08/09/12 as written.

Motion: Carlos Verde **2nd:** Rich Wood

Vote:

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

Motion Passes.

Directors' Statements

Scott Fraser: In HM Office this afternoon and observed staff responses to inquiries re transient moorings only included Provincetown Marina's number and not always Flyer's.

Rex will remind staff to give both numbers.

Carlos Verde: None.

Rich Wood: None.

Lee Ash: Dana Pazolt's letter was responded to and HM will follow up on that to find out if there are any further questions. Wants to respond to tenant issues, but they should be raised in 'Public Statements'

Pier Manager's Report

MPO Program Update – Lt. Jim Golden joined the discussion. Project is moving along. Working on communications with MIS Department.

Rex reported F/V Grim Reaper is in the Harbor. Told captain of vessel to leave Pier as he owes money and was responsible for abandonment of Amanda Girl. Boat is not allowed to dock or off-load on Pier or anywhere in Harbor.

MPOs are doing mapping moorings behind breakwater. Lynne Martin, in MIS Dept., has received more specialized information and practice using Town's GIS database and is working on merging that information with Access mooring database to give us a graphical map of mooring field.

Program for seasonal officers ends on September 8th. Options available include ending seasonal officers, except Scott Chovanec who will remain until end of October, and use HM staff for second shift. Or pay two seasonal officers to maintain a second shift to 11:00 PM until ferries stop running. Cost would be \$12,045.00.

Discussion with Lt. Golden ensued. Asked if Directors had questions. Directors expressed general satisfaction with how the MPO Program has worked out this summer.

A motion was made to continue the MPO Program through October, with payroll expenditure not to exceed \$12,045.00.

Motion: Carlos Verde **2nd:** Rich Wood

Vote:

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

Motion Passes.

Squid-fishing – Received e-mail from Dan McKiernan, of Division of Marine Fisheries, with pictures of families engaged in squid fishing. Interviewed by Cape Cod Times on subject. Arrest occurred in fight between two squid fishermen recently.

Physical Plant – Compressor on 5-ton ice machine has been replaced by Allied Refrigeration out of Maine. Wants to put us on a bi-annual tune-up schedule. Also ordering parts for 3-ton to improve performance. Ice had to be ordered when machine was not functioning, leading to temporarily higher ice prices for tenants.

Flag pole is down for repairs. We will invoice the Kalmar Nyckel for reimbursement.

Abrasive strips put down on dinghy dock gangway to prevent slipping.

Reply to Pazolt Letter - E-mailed his reply to Dana's letter to Directors. Addressed incorrect or inappropriate assertions. There is a possibility of no parking at all being allowed on the 'T' if an income-producing entity, such as a seafood-packing plant, were to be developed on Pier. Already addressed high ice prices. Charge of doing private contracting jobs was incorrect as the gangway for 10W was being repaired. Filled out a maintenance order re crane 2 as is standard operating procedure.

Discussion ensued. Rex explained HM staff involvement with moving and installing Captain Jack's gangway. Sharon Lynn joined the discussion and voiced concern re the HM Office contracting with private entities to repair personal property. It was suggested that if private entities want to hire the barge to perform work that they come before the Board. Board was also concerned about loss of potential revenue generated by contracting out Pier equipment and staff.

A motion was made to write a letter, and include their outstanding bills, to Captain Jack's Wharf informing them that they will have to seek other arrangements for their moving and installing their gangway and float.

Motion: Carlos Verde 2nd: Rich Wood

The motion was discussed.

A motion was made to table the issue until more research was done.

Motion: Scott Fraser.

Scott volunteered to research the issue of contracting out Pier equipment to private entities. He withdrew the motion as it wasn't seconded.

Vote on previous motion:

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

Motion Passes.

Army Corps of Engineers – Crystal Gardner responded to two complaints and Trap Shed filing. Pier is not properly permitted for improvements on Pier other than what was built in the original reconstruction. Rex reported that Army Corps was contacted based on information in his files. Ticket booths for both ferries and Trap Sheds are out of compliance. Ms. Gardner will send letter to that effect and we will send back a letter indicating that we are seeking to comply. Need to update engineer drawings and include parking/multi-use area of 'T'.

'Artist at Work' put up at base of Pier and has increased foot traffic in the area.

Pump out grant application will not be submitted by DPW and HM this year, as there is only limited amount of funds available state-wide. Will apply next year.

Rex is off on Saturday for a family matter, however Scott and Connie will be on duty.

Working Group Reports

Treasurer's draft Financial Management update – Tabled until next meeting.

New Business

None.

Motion to adjourn @ 6:48 P.M.

Motion: Rich Wood **2nd:** Scott Fraser

Vote:

Yes: 4 **No:** 0

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini,
PPPC Administrative Assistant

Lee Ash, Chair