



# Public Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2019  
Provincetown Town Hall  
Caucus Hall Meeting Room  
260 Commercial Street

## MINUTES

### **I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:00pm**

Members present: David Flattery, Chair; Bryan Legare; Susan Avellar; Laura Ludwig, John Santos (on the phone), Elise Cozzi. Rex McKinsey, staff.

### **II. Review/amend/approve minutes** Postpone til next meeting

### **III. Public Statements** N/A

### **IV. Harbormaster Report**

Barnstable County dredge and pipe arrives this week. Dredging begins next week. Sand will be pumped to the receiving beach at Court St.

The town has received 4 bids on the floating docks and wave attenuator project and most are well within budget. Bids have been turned over to engineers for approval; procurement process is going smoothly. Work may occur during the summer of 2019 and might impede certain events. Town will try to relocate car show and other pier-based events.

This winter the installation of 57 fender piles will take place over the next couple of months.

Update from shark working group - been working to develop more signage and brochures. "Stop the Bleed" training has been well received. Improved communications, go-kits, and additional resources are also being explored.

Rex distributed information on the Chapter 91 consultant recommendation. An RFQ was issued in December to three companies the town has worked with before, and two responses were received: James R. Vincent Counseling & Consulting Inc, and Coastal Engineering Co. Each were reasonable proposals and hit the salient points. (Jim Vincent was a former Provincetown harbormaster.) After detailed review, the JRVCC proposal was recommended for approval. Susan made a motion that we recommend to the BOS that the town hire JRVCC for the Ch. 91 compliance

consultant in an amount not to exceed \$44,350.00 from the HAGF. David seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken – the motion passed 6-0.

#### **V. Old Business:**

Signage project – Bryan drafted a skeleton sign to begin fine tuning the language and look. We will submit our suggestions to Bryan.

#### **VI. New Business:**

Shark Alternatives Proposal – Materials re the Woods Hole Group’s proposal to the shark working group were distributed. The Group has worked with towns in the past on many shark education, and will provide a report to the towns regarding ramifications of all options on the table – containment systems, technology, barriers, etc. The cost would be shared among towns; Provincetown’s share would be \$6442. The Provincetown Compact offered \$2000 toward the total nut. David spoke to the PD and FD about contributing to the cost, given the public safety aspect of the effort; both are willing to put funds toward the total, though he is not sure how much. Other groups that might be interested in supporting the cost would be the PBG or Chamber, or Accessible Provincetown. Susan made a motion to recommend to the BOS that an amount not to exceed \$4442 be spent from the HAGF to support the WHG’s Proposal for Shark Mitigation Alternatives Analysis. Bryan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed 6-0.

John expressed concern regarding the issue of the seal population and how it relates to the presence of sharks. Laura pointed out that Task 5 from the WHG contends with this issue at least in part. John made a motion that the Harbor Committee send a letter to the BOS requesting that the town take steps to deal with the seal population in Provincetown Harbor. David seconded it. Laura, Susan and John voted yes; Elise and Bryan voted no. The motion passed 4-2.

Annual report will include Harbor Plan process and renewal; David will work on it with Rex.

John requested that this committee recognize the passing of Assistant Harbormaster Luis Ribas with a moment of silence. Susan suggested we send his widow a letter.

David announced that the agenda will be developed about 10 days prior to each meeting, and he’ll solicit member input with an email.

#### **VII. Meeting adjourned**

Bryan moved to adjourn; Laura seconded the motion and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

#### **Next HC meeting:**

Next tentatively scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 6th at 5:00pm in Town Hall