



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Provincetown Town Hall, Caucus Hall
260 Commercial Street

Minutes

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. Members present: David Flattery (chair), Susan Avellar, Elise Cozzi, Bryan Legare, Laura Ludwig. Members absent/excused: John Santos. Rex McKinsey, Harbormaster; Tim Famulare, Conservation Agent. Jim Vincent & Heith Martinez, consultants. David Gluck, property owner.

Special Agenda Items

We received a Chapter 91 Consultant Update from Jim Vincent. He reviewed the 5 phases of their approach (see minutes of 2/12/19); they are currently in phase 1, inventorying all Ch. 91 licenses here in Provincetown, and will then tackle those at DEP in Boston. They have spent two days in Town Hall and at the Harbormaster's office where they documented approximately 100 Ch. 91 licenses. They are scanning them for MIS to enter into a database in such a way so as to streamline future licensing and public access. In addition to creating a serviceable database, it was suggested by the Town Manager that the Ch. 91 process be attached to local permitting process so the property owner has immediate awareness of its relevance.

David suggested we prioritize three properties for the consultants to begin the process with to set a precedent and inform the process. Laura referenced the inventory she and Elise conducted of all town landings and certain Ch. 91 properties; the list indicates which have proper signage and/or access. Susan suggested starting with the Ice House, which is bifurcated by Howland St. (the boundary for Ch. 91). Rex suggested the consultants check with the Finance Dept. regarding which properties have a current payment plan as they determine which properties to investigate. All agreed it is important to ultimately make the access information available to the public, via technology (Google maps) or a demarcation on the property (plaque or symbol); and to inform the town that this work is being conducted.

Regarding 401½ Commercial St. (Zoltans Landing, Washington Ave.), Rex and David presented to the Conservation Commission on Tuesday night regarding the conditions of the Ch. 91 license and what has been accomplished to date. An assessment by Safe Harbor (Gordon Peabody)

was distributed, which was requested by the property owner and listed the presence or absence of required components. The town would like to establish its own boundary line at all public access points, including this one; the DPW Director estimated (in an email to the Harbormaster) the cost of a survey and boundary marking.

Laura moved to recommend to the Select Board an expenditure not to exceed \$5000 from the Harbor Access Gift Fund to cover costs of conducting a survey and setting town boundary markers at this property. David seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Gluck was invited to the table for the discussion. He has been involved with the Ch. 91 process on this property since 2012 and was very encouraged by what he heard in our discussion. He had been unaware that a consultant has been enlisted to clarify Ch. 91 requirements for all property owners, and he thanked the committee for trying to clarify the process.

II. Review/amend/approve minutes

Minutes of Feb. 12th were reviewed. The spelling of a first name was edited. Susan moved to accept the minutes as edited. Bryan seconded, and all were in favor.

III. Harbormaster Report

Rex reported that the floating docks project is moving forward. Susan will be the committee rep for the project and will attend meetings to report back.

The courtesy float suffered damage due to electrolysis (metal corrosion). The Harbormaster's office will work with contractors to ready it for summer.

Tim Famulare reviewed the town's Municipal Vulnerability Plan to implement key climate change actions. The town received \$27,500 from the state to promulgate the plan. (See handout: "Resilient Provincetown MVP Plan".) Members of the committee will attend the March 15th day-long workshop on the plan.

Tim also reported that the town officially took ownership of the former Hall property lot.

IV. Adjourn

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

Next HC meeting:

Next tentatively scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00pm in Town Hall