



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2019
Provincetown Town Hall
Community Development Room
260 Commercial Street

Minutes

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5:01pm

Members present: John Francis, David Flattery, Susan Avellar, Laura Ludwig, Elise Cozzi, Rex McKinsey, Harbormaster; Tim Famulare, Conservation Agent; Jim Vincent & Heith Martinez, JRVCC; Lory Santos, public and Shellfish Committee Chair.

II. Review/amend/approve minutes

John moved to accept the minutes of 5/16/19 as written. Susan seconded and all were in favor.

III. Public Statements

Lory Santos reviewed her request to address the issue of high-speed ferries. Bay State Ferry seems to be abiding by the new speed rule but other ferries and the whale watches are not complying and there have been concerns about safety. The problem has been discussed at the Shellfish Committee meeting and they share this concern.

IV. Chapter 91 update with Jim Vincent

Jim distributed a summary of the work completed to date. He expressed gratitude to the town for supporting the legal consultations required to address how to handle Ch. 91 non-compliance. Some of the enforcement response the Town may bring to bear are the Conservation Commission (could hold up the compliance permit) and Licensing Board (through regulating businesses), e.g. There are other possible avenues as well (wetlands, building commissioner). It will be up to the Town to determine which approach to take; the DEP will suggest a meeting date with the town planner and permit coordinator, and a public information meeting will be held once staff and consultants have met to discuss and decide which direction to go.

Heith has put a database together to help organize the existing licenses, which in conjunction with two town maps (1939 & 1848) can be consulted so that properties' status

can all be assessed accurately. Working with town staff, the data will be ultimately accessible through the town website as determined through the process.

Jim will be doing a site visit tomorrow of certain properties starting at the Provincetown Inn to document existing signage and access.

Finally Jim presented us with a Review Checklist and suggested a process for handling Ch. 91 applicants, based on and reflecting Harbor Plan recommendations. This and the database will provide a basis for the ultimate Review Manual this committee will use.

V. New Business

Tim Famulare brought us up to date on the Hall Park. A working group has been formed, including members of the Landscape, Harbor, Historical, Open Space and Recreation which will develop a plan of how the park moves forward, which may take several years. Meantime, there is interest in putting in a set of stairs to access the beach from the park. The working group is requesting HAGF to build the stairs. John asked if any of the other committees had funding they could use, and there may be other options (Public Landscape, Recreation). The parcel does fall under Ch. 91 permitting, as a vestige of the Hall Lot property, but no access had been created. John made a motion that we recommend to the Select Board that the HAGF provide an amount not to exceed \$1500 to build stairs; Laura seconded. All were in favor, including Susan, who is a member of the Working Group.

VI. Harbormaster Report

Harbormaster Office is fully staffed; a lot of training has been conducted successfully. Floating docks will begin to be repaired in September. There are many meetings about the 2020 celebration. The F/V Fleet King sank on Friday in the west end, and 24 hours later it had been removed by crane and sent to be decommissioned. The filming with Starz TV went very well, they were able to get the shots they needed without interrupting operations. A wedding was held at the T and went very well. Rex attended Superior Court where F/V Artemis final determination was made; FEMA is assisting w/ the town's expenses.

Ferry companies have been notified about the speed restriction/bifurcation buoy which will be installed soon. Harbormaster's office has discussed the issue w/ the Dolphin Fleet.

VII. Old Business:

Harbor Safety issues (aka wake zones) – In addition to the ferry speed issue above, the Harbormaster's office will talk to the Marina regarding transient vessel speed. David brought up the fact that this issue is ongoing and suggested that the committee write a letter to the Select Board asking them to write to the various companies requesting compliance with speed restrictions, highlighting the serious danger posed to recreational, shellfish, and other commercial operations. Susan said it might be more effective for the committee to send a letter to the companies. John suggested that a Harbormaster patrol vessel be posted to monitor speed and bring the issue directly to the company involved; Rex agreed. Susan agreed to draft a letter to the companies involved which we will sign

and send; the letter from the Shellfish Committee will be included to add weight to the request.

Small recreational boats vs kayak racks – Almost all of the kayak racks are sold out; and there are small boats and kayaks which are allowed to be tethered to the bulkhead in the west end, and non-compliant boats have been removed.

Groyne proposal & Town Landings – David will have more information at the next meeting.

Beach litter projects – Laura updated the group on the shellfish flats cleanup effort scheduled for 8/6/19, and reported on the June 8th cleanup in Beach Point which yielded 5000 pieces of litter.

Elise asked to put vessel insurance on the agenda for next meeting.
Next meeting tentatively scheduled for July 18th.

VII. Adjourn

Laura moved to adjourn; Elise seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.