

PROVINCETOWN HARBOR COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING: August 1, 2019

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: 5:08 PM
Members in attendance: Elise Cozzi, John Santos, Susan Avellar, David Flattery by phone
Excused: Laura Ludwig
2. Approval of Minutes: None
3. Public Statements: None
4. Harbormaster Report: Not available
5. Old Business:
Sign project: waiting for a sample
Beach/Harbor Debris Clean-up: Laura Ludwig has another group who will be working with the Shellfish Agent on Tuesday, August 6, at the shellfish grants.
6. New Business:
Chapter 91 Compliance Assistance Program update: The DEP was here on Tuesday, July 30 to meet with Consultant James Vincent and members of the Harbor Committee as well as the Building Commissioner and the Conservation Agent.
Additional small boat/kayak rack locations: The Committee will be looking for other spots to place racks. It may be possible to remark the east spaces at the west end/boat ramp lot for compact cars as a way of increasing rack space without losing parking.
Harbor Committee Liaison: Concern regarding the position of the Harbormaster has been of serious concern to the Harbor Committee. The following motion was moved by D. Flattery, 2nd by E. Cozzi to be delivered to the Acting Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen: In light of the current PPPC restructuring, the Provincetown Harbor Committee unanimously agrees that Rex McKinsey should continue as the Town's Harbormaster.
Over the past 18 years, since Rex was hired by the PPPC in the dual position of Pier Manager and Harbormaster, Rex has steadfastly manned the helm of MacMillan Pier, navigating and guiding its evolution from a structurally and economically suffering piece of town infrastructure through choppy water to its current vibrant and vital present. Along the way he has, whether by default or design, expanded the scope of his position to such a degree that his workload is untenable. For that reason, the Harbor Committee agrees that a restructuring of the Harbormaster/Pier Manager position is essential, providing that Rex continue in the role of Harbormaster.

Rex possesses the unique combination of experience, knowledge, and public awareness that is essential to managing such a hub of activity in this outermost harbor. His understanding of town mores, regulations and history is at the center of his success as Harbormaster, in our assessment. We highly recommend to the PPPC that in restructuring the office of Harbormaster/Pier Manager, we don't risk losing the public asset that is Rex McKinsey.

This motion is also to be delivered to the PPPC.

Roll call vote: D. Flattery-yes, E. Cozzi-yes, J. Santos-yes, S. Avellar-yes

Moved to adjourn by J. Santos, 2nd E. Cozzi, Vote: 4 0 0

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Avellar

Vice Chair