



Harbor Committee

Public Meeting

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
Provincetown Town Hall, Caucus Hall Meeting Room
260 Commercial Street

Minutes

I. Meeting Called to Order at 5pm

Members present: David Flatter (Chair), Elise Cozzi (Atlernate), Wendy Loughlin, Susan Avellar, Laura Ludwig (Scribe); John Santos, excused; Rex McKinsey, Staff Liaison; Don German, Acting Harbormaster; Stephen Wisbauer, Shellfish Constable; Lise King, Harbor Committee liaison for the Select Board.

II. Review/amend/approve minutes

Elise moved to approve the minutes from the joint meeting on 10/28 with Select Board and Harbor Committee; Susan seconded and all were in favor.

III. Public Statements

n/a

IV. Marine Department Updates:

Chapter 91 project update – we await the DEP's General Counsel to approve language in the property owner's letter. Susan asked about the proper Ch. 91 approval for the 227R property (Rose's Wharf). The developer will need to come before this committee before moving ahead and she asked for this committee's support during the review process. A chart depicting the status of all licenses was distributed.

Washington Ave. landing update – the surveyor Billy Rogers is on course to establish the property boundaries soon, defining town v. private property.

Groynes repairs east end – Cape Cod Excavating will begin re-erecting the marker stones on the groynes in the east end next week.

Cleveland and Dewey Road access issues – a resident requested the town establish a Town Landing at Cleveland St. because of the lack of public access in that end of town. It involves

private property associated with a condo association, and the Cons Comm would have to be consulted as well. Rex suggested the citizen send a letter to this committee to build support.

V. Old Business:

Harbor Regulations recommendations - 3-2-3b large vessel wake changes – the wording is now in a public hearing format in preparation for inclusion in the regs. A chartlet was also provided depicting the proposed route of travel. Don reviewed the proposal and stated it has good support from stakeholders. David recommended the speed restriction should commence earlier than the proposed location and be imposed on both outbound traffic as well as inbound. Severe speed restrictions would impact schedules for ferries and whale watches. Rex suggested we re-word the proposed language to make the restriction start at the #3 green buoy and affect both inbound and outbound traffic.

Lise asked what conditions may have changed since the existing regs were listed, in that the impacts of the wakes might be greater due to increased use, increased size of vessels, increased number of vessels and users, etc.

We will pursue the recommended insurance requirements as outlined in the staff report.

Discussed location for additional boat racks; Select Board requested our recommendations. Three locations seem to be likely.

Discussion for landing sign packages – Don discussed signage he drafted to be posted at the entrance to the breakwater at Pilgrim Landing Park. It includes a QR code for tide info. In a larger context, we're interested in reducing sign clutter. Steve introduced a Blue Economy opportunity for design and installation. *We'll collate the existing info we have and staff will come back with suggested formats and locations.*

VI. New Business:

Upcoming Joint Meeting with PPPC. Pier Corp wants to renew the Harbormaster Services Agreement. Lise said the Select Board wants to better understand the roles of the committees. She asked whether we want to lock things in before the new Town Manager is installed, or to wait. David would like to get it out of the way as soon as possible. Laura registered her continued chagrin with the term "Marine Coordinator" as applied to the position currently held by Rex, as it does not convey the importance of that role. Superintendent, Director, Manager, or Chief are better options. Susan reiterated that the role of public safety officer needs to fall under the Town Manager. Don said he has always looked at the Acting TM as his "boss". Susan reviewed the Pier Corp's FY21 plans which delineate several items that seem to fall under the Harbormaster and/or Marine Chief (Coordinator) positions. Steve pointed out that the new arrangement of the dual positions of Pier Manager – Harbormaster was never allowed to succeed before the Pier Corp removed Rex from the position and created a "third bucket".

Discussion ensued about the history and structure of the town's relationship w/ the Pier Corp and the Harbormaster Services Agreement. Lise suggested there be a mediator at the joint meeting between the HC and Pier Corp and there was general agreement. Laura felt that both

committees have already presented their proposals and made their recommendations and that the update for the Harbormaster Services Agreement should be made by the Town Manager and Select Board. However, because the Select Board has charged the two committees to meet, and because there is great interest in a healthy working relationship between the two committees, we agreed that *Staff will determine a meeting time and find a mediator.*

Other new business – Increased parking fee for town board members was discussed. It will discourage volunteers and creates a hardship for people on multiple boards, as many of us are. Elise made a motion that *Laura draft a letter to the Select Board stating our shared opposition to the proposed increase.* Wendy seconded and all were in favor.

VII. Elise moved to Adjourn; Susan seconded and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

David Flattery, Harbor Committee chairman
Next HC meeting: TBA.