

Provincetown Harbor Committee

Meeting of

March 5, 2003 – 5:00 PM

Judge Welsh Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Mel Cote, Sheila LaMontagne, and Beverly Dwyer Ormston

Excused Absence: Al Davis

Absent Members: Bari Hassman

Other Town Representatives: Rex McKinsey, Pier Manager; Keith Bergman, Town Manager; Ted Meyer, Chief of Police

Members of the Public: Representatives from the Chapter 91 Amnesty Committee

Sheila LaMontagne called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Rex McKinsey stated that Bari Hassman is submitting a letter of resignation from the Committee and Keith Bergman explained that a letter from Sheila LaMontagne has to be filed with the Town Clerk stating that Committee Member Hassman has not attended the last three meetings.

Minutes

It was moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 9th.

Moved by: Mel Cote

Seconded by: Beverly Ormston

Vote: 3-0-0

Old Business

Completion of Harbor Regulation Amendments

Wording changes to some Amendments were made to clarify them. The question of different rates for moorings charged to residents and non-residents was brought up. Keith Bergman stated that different rates can be made for residents and non-residents if a good rationale can be found. He recommended that the Harbor Committee should propose different fees if they deemed it necessary. He also pointed out that residents and non-resident property owners pay taxes so this might be one rationale. Sheila LaMontagne will make the necessary changes and submit it to Mr. Bergman who will present it to the Board of Selectmen for the Public Hearing and that a possibility was to place a moratorium on new non-resident mooring permits. Applications should be sent out for renewals with a notice that fees will be changed and raised.

It was moved to pass the changes to the Amendments omitting 315.

Moved by: Beverly Ormston

Seconded by: Sheila LaMontagne

Vote: 3-0-0

Chapter 91 Reports

There were no new Chapter 91 Reports.

New Business

Harbor Plan Amendments Recommended by the Town Manager

Keith Bergman asked the Harbor Committee for backing of the *Article. Amendments to Municipal Harbor Plan for Chapter 91 Licensing Amnesty*. He handed out a memo covering this subject and explained it to the Harbor Committee. After discussion, it was found that there was not a quorum of members who can vote in support of this Article. Mr. Bergman has to meet with the Committee quorum and get the vote to support the Article prior to the open debate at the Town Meeting.

Committee Vacancies

Suggestions for new Committee members are needed. The Town Clerk will check regarding vacancies and the length of time the vacancies were in effect. New Committee members, without possible ties to the harbor, have to be found.

Beverly Ormston asked Ted Meyer regarding the filling in of the position while Dwayne Steele was incapacitated.

Chief Meyer said that due to budget constraints, the position of harbormaster would continue to be filled by the use of the current assistant harbormasters.

Sheila LaMontagne brought up the problem of the harbor brochure and all the editorial and information errors she found in editing it and also stated that she had many questions regarding the information contained therein. She mentioned that she sent a draft to Patricia Fitzpatrick of the Visitor Service Bureau and Chris Silva and has not received any replies as yet. Rex McKinsey suggested that she send a copy to Patricia Fitzpatrick again and one to Keith Bergman, Town Manger.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Motion by: Mel Cote

Seconded by: Beverly Ormston

Vote: 3-0-0

Time and Date of Next Meeting

Monday, March 17th, 2003 at 4:30 PM in the Judge Welsh Room at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted
Joel Glasser

Approved by: _____ on _____
Mel Cote, Chair Date