

Public Meeting

November 3, 2003

4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kerry Adams, Heather Bruce, Melville Cote, and
Beverly Dwyer Ormston, Acting Chair

Members Absent: Gerard Irmer (excused absence)

Advisory Staff: Jon Gilmore

Harbor Master: Chris Flavell

Pier Manager: Rex McKinsey (in a tuxedo!!!)

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

AGENDA

Public Statements

Chris Flavell gave a copy of the Harbor Committee budget for 2004 to Beverly. She gave copies to everyone; it seems as though the budget will remain at status quo (\$1,500) for the year. Chris said the group should not look for an increase and he suggested submitting it as received. Kerry arrived five minutes late and was updated.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and the vote was 4-0-0.

Also, Beverly has been in touch with Jerry Irmer and he said he would be attending the next meeting of the Committee.

Discussion of 10/29/03 Harbor Plan Amendment Public Hearing

Beverly, at her own expense, had packets made up for each member of the Committee. The material was thought to be valuable for basically drawing up a calendar for deadlines, etc. A lengthy discussion followed with many suggestions which finally spawned the following motion:

Motion: Kerry Adams made a motion to have a meeting in the immediate future, inviting the public in order to get their response to the Harbor Plan. Also to ask for written responses from anyone unable to attend the meeting. Invite the Banner for the November 19th meeting so they could do an informational article in preparation for the December 3rd Public Hearing. Mel Cote seconded the motion and it passed 4-0-0.

During the discussion period after the motion was made it was thought that the Amnesty Steering Group would be a great group to invite in. Rachel White and Alice Brock also had genuine concerns. Kerry would like more people involved with the sub-committee groups who would be working on the Plan.

Kerry felt that time limits have to be set for the public hearing phase. Perhaps allowing people to speak no more than 5 minutes. Also Kerry felt that each facet of the public meeting should have limits, i.e., 30 minutes for one subject and at the end of that subject – move on to the next topic with similar time constraints.

Harbor Plan Amendment Organization Strategy

Heather has done a rough outline of breaking down the plan. Heather has been overwhelmed going through the document and finding it very repetitive. It doesn't flow. "There's no point in having it voted on if it's not a readable

document. Unless we can really encapsulate the issues, the document is not as usable as it might be.” She thinks the first step should be to create a firm outline and then go through the plan and pull out everything relevant to the subject. Right now subjects are covered in all sections of the Plan with a lot of cross-referencing.

Mel countered that all we have to present to the public are the amendments. – Right?

Rex agreed saying that all you need is a letter specifying the changes – period.

He also said that there’s probably still money in the original town meeting article enabling it to be published. Bev said, “Basically we’re looking for the public to say – All Right! Pass it. We don’t want to spend hours and hours on the town meeting floor defending the new harbor plan.”

Heather said all sections needed review but Bev suggested that only section 5 has to be redone. It is the meat of the plan. They both felt that once the Committee gets on board with an outline then we’ll be all set. Beverly reiterated that the group is all in agreement and section 5 should be where we concentrate.

Discussion:

The next discussion was centered on assignments and sub-committee groups. It was also noted that whatever the Committee has in the plan has to mesh with the state rules. (There were about 13 rules in Bob Durand’s letter.) The plan keeps referring to 310 CMR 9.0.

Chris Flavell and Mel Cote will work on Water Uses.

Rex McKinsey along with Kerry Adams will work on Public Facilities issues.

John Gilmore will work on Land Use with Beverly Ormston.

Heather Bruce will concentrate on Chapter 91 uses. Heather will also be calling Cathy Cotter to ask her to attend the November 12th meeting to thoroughly explain 310 CMR 9.0 to the Committee.

It was thought that it would be up to individual subgroups to solicit people who would be interested in their particular issues. Mel thought that about 6 people should be the max for a sub-group otherwise it would become unwieldy.

So the group finalized a calendar of sorts. Cathy on the November 12th and the Banner (Mary Anne Bragg) on the 19th and the sub groups to meet whenever they’d like. December 3rd is the date for the Public Hearing.

Motion: Kerry Adams made a motion to set a time limit for meetings and that the group should try to adjourn by 6:00 p.m. if feasible. Beverly Ormston seconded the motion and it passed 4-0-0.

Any Other Business Properly Before the Board

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 29th meeting. It was seconded and unanimously approved 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Gaudiano

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Approved by _____ on _____, 2003.