

**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Grace Gouveia Building Room 6
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, January 14, 2010**

Members present: Kerry Adams, Lee Ash, Rich Wood and Ginny Binder.

Members absent: George Hitchcock (excused).

Other Attendees: Rex McKinsey (Pier Manager/Harbor Master) & Ellen C. Battaglini (Administrative Assistant).

Vice Chair Lee Ash called the Public Hearing to order at 4:00 P.M. and welcomed new Board member, Ginny Binder.

Agenda Items:

Public Statements

Candace Nagle – Hopes that the Pier Corp. will continue to pursue economic development on the Wharf. Welcomed newest Board member. Thinks Rich Wood should pay for his past use of the courtesy float. Claims it is a violation of Chapter 91. He should not get the same subsidized rate as the local fleet, as he owns a charter boat operation.

David Dutra – Drafted letter to Division of Marine Fisheries and requested a letter of support from Board. The Board postponed the issue and will discuss under ‘New Business’.

Review Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of 12/10/09 as written.

Motion: Kerry Adams 2nd: Rich Wood

Vote:

Yes: 3 No: 0 A: 1

Motion Passes.

A motion was made to take ‘***New Business***’ out of order for next discussion.

Motion: Kerry Adams 2nd: Rich Wood

Vote:

Yes: 4 No: 0 A: 0

Motion Passes.

New Business

David Dutra read his letter proposing the formation of a working group to develop a project for the “purpose of keeping the tradition of small boat fishing alive in Provincetown, MA.”

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to write a letter of support to Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries. Rex will write in conjunction

with David for Board review at next meeting.

Motion: Kerry Adams 2nd: Rich Wood

Vote:

Yes: 4 No: 0 A: 0

Special Agenda Items:

Lake Express Reply

Lee Ash - Commented on the large amount of feedback generated by Lake Express inquiry in such a short period of time. Suggested that Lake Express should be steered towards other entities in Town to discuss their proposal. Several letters in opposition to the proposal had been submitted to the Board, including one each from the Provincetown Business Guild, Bay State Cruises and the Provincetown Visitors Services Board.

Public Comment: Mick Rudd, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, expressed concern about the proposal, cautioned the Board to do what is in the best interest of the Town and to consider other Town entities in its decision.

Rich Wood - Agreed with Lee, further suggesting that the tone of the Board's draft reply should not be so enthusiastic, however the Board should also be open to all business opportunities.

Kerry Adams – Concurred about tone of letter, however added that the job of the PPPC is to bring more revenue to the Pier and all proposals should be considered. It is premature to make any kind of decision yet, as many aspects of the proposal have not been specified.

Public Comment: Mike Glasfeld, of Bay State Cruises, expressed his concern in regard to the Board's reply and made suggestions about how it should respond. Urged caution in Board's receptivity. Advised the Board of his experience in approaching various ports for the establishment of ferry service.

Discussion ensued. Decided that letter to Lake Express should include contact other entities in Town directly

Board will review draft and revise letter.

Directors' Statements

Rich Wood: Attended BOS meeting on Monday night and summarized the feedback he got concerning how the Board deals with issues. Suggested the Board implement 'action item' lists in order to better keep track of, and implement solutions for, issues that it discusses.

Has been working on Pier maintenance issues and will e-mail his report and comments on projects for the Pier. Will put on next meeting's agenda.

Wind turbine is not producing data that it should be. Suggested that Ralph Dumke, or other representative, from Waterline, come down and discuss the problem.

Commented on the internship program. Sent a draft outline to Provincetown High School and got an enthusiastic response. Spoken with head of Guidance Department at Nauset High School and is considering contacting Cape Cod Tech about the program. Inquired of Board about possibility of having intern as a summer employee.

Kerry Adams: Reminded the Board that a tickler is available that can be utilized to track maintenance or other projects and issues. Noted that even though the weather did not cooperate for the weekend of Holly Folly, the artists who used them would like to return next year. Paul Wisotsky suggested selling Christmas trees next year as a way to attract more

people out to the Pier. Thanked Mike Glasfeld for attending meeting. Expressed his opinion that the Pier Corp. should not join the Munis system at this point in time and suggested it should be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

Ginny Binder: Briefly reviewed her history in regard to the Pier Corp. Was involved in the process of creating the Pier Corp., including approving the management plan and setting goals. Wants to educate BOS and public about how the Pier Corp. is working to accomplish those goals. Delighted to be on the Board. Commented on what she hopes to accomplish on Board and objectives of the PPPC. Briefly spoke about her proposed project at Long Point Light and Wood End. Project could be a potential revenue generator for the Pier.

Lee Ash: Commented briefly on Pier Corp.'s relationship with the Town's former administration, adding that the Pier's financial situation is complicated as a result. Suggested that Board might want to have a professional review of the budget. Has been discussion by Personnel Committee concerning the creation of part time summer intern positions. Staff reviews are coming up. Thank-you letter to Len Clingham was sent out and she will arrange dinner for Len and partner. Dinner will be posted.

Pier Manager's Report

Rex briefly reviewed recommendations for Rates/Regulations changes. Will meet with George to discuss before the next meeting. A vote can be taken at next meeting and then a Public Hearing can be advertised.

Discussion ensued and suggestions were made. Rich Wood did not participate in the discussion concerning rate changes that might involve his business.

Rich Wood left the room at 5:30 P.M.

Rex reviewed his research regarding energy use on the Pier. Discussion ensued.

Rich Wood returned at 5:37 P.M.

Other News

Mass. Historic Ports –Board reviewed pamphlet, produced by Mass. Office on Travel and Tourism, which gets sent to cruise lines to help promote tourism in Massachusetts historic ports, including Provincetown.

Eelgrass restoration/conservation mooring grant has been funded.

New dragger, F/V Jesse James, has joined the fleet.

Helix turbine – Waterline informed Rex if Pier Corp. wanted to end the test, it could at any point. Rex indicated that pertinent data has not been developed as hoped and perhaps another model would be more appropriate for this environment.

Rex participated in a table-top exercise that theorized an oil spill of national significance occurring in the port of Portland, Maine.

Rex and Ellen meeting with the Town's Financial Department about Munis system on Tuesday and Rex meeting with the auditor on Thursday of next week.

New Business

Tickler will be back at next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn @ 5:45 pm.

Motion: Kerry Adams

Vote:

Yes: 4 No: 0

Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini
Administrative Assistant