



Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Grace Gouveia Building Room 6
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, April 8, 2010

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

Members absent: George Hitchcock (excused).

Other Attendees: Rex McKinsey (Pier Manager/Harbormaster) and Ellen C. Battaglini (Administrative Assistant).

Vice Chair Lee Ash called the Public Meeting to order at 4:07 P.M.

AGENDA

Public Statements

Candace Nagle spoke about her correspondence with Chatham Selectman Sean Summers about barge. Liability, inferior construction, instability and barge work cheaper to contract out were Chatham's issues with barge. Davit system purchased but not being used. HM boat should not be left in water off season.

Noah Santos reminded public that incidents, which are out of anyone's control, happen on the water. Pier staff works hard and does good job.

Francis 'Grassy' Santos advised getting smaller, lighter HM boat that would be more maneuverable and able to go into shallow water. Davits could then be used.

Review Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 03/25/10 meeting as written.

Motion: Rich Wood **2nd:** Kerry Adams

Vote:

Yes: 3 **No:** 0 **A:** 1 (LA abstaining).

Motion Passes.

Special Agenda Items:

None.

Directors' Statements

Update Directors' Projects

Rich Wood: Wind turbine research update. Reminded Board about the suggestion that Board review quarterly P&L reports. Reiterated public comment about unforeseen incidents happening on the water. Suggested davit situation be investigated. Requested barge e-mails from Candace.

Ginny Binder: Thanks to Noah, Grassy and other members of the community for help with HM boat and barge. Important for HM to have a year-round boat for help and rescue. May want to explore purchasing a different HM boat. Reported on tiering the dockage rates to insure that year-round permitted commercial fishers get subsidy they deserve. Requested a Town Counsel opinion about screening criteria. Would like that topic the agenda for April 22nd meeting. Grateful to Pier staff for all their hard work.

Board discussion ensued.

Kerry Adams: Thanked Grassy and Noah for helping out with the HM and barge. Commented on Coast Guard emergency response capabilities. Consider off season use of Marine 2, which can be put on davits. All boats at Pier should have alarms to warn of taking on water. Received a letter of thanks from PHS for purchase of tool shed. Students will assemble shed next week.

Lee Ash: Commented on Banner story about barge incident. Personnel committee has met with Rex for an initial review of incidents. More formal, detailed report to be issued once more information is gathered. Hope to make changes, learn from mistakes and move forward. Thanks to all who helped out.

Pier Manager's Report

Insurance claims:

Insurance coverage for both vessels are 'old for new'. \$1000 for Marine 1 and \$2500 for the barge are deductibles. Review what we do with boat, SOPs, operational needs and then move forward with a boat that would work better.

Discussion ensued.

Barge is more of a priority to get back into the water because of dock repair work that is needed. Will reconfigure lines and cables so nothing inside deck except bilge pump.

Discussion ensued.

HM Boat was inherited. Davits put in during Pier reconstruction.

Thanks to those who helped out in these situations. List of people in Staff Report.

Wind, barometric pressure and temperature graphs for each day that incidents occurred in Report.

Other issues:

Floating docks sustained more damage in recent storms. Deterioration is accelerating, especially without wave attenuation system. Issue needs of being addressed.

Discussion ensued.

Ginny and Kerry to form a working group to study wave attenuation. Ideally would like to have some fishers involved.

Lake Express – Letter of thanks and we'll get back to you. Reviewing their options.

\$35,000 Covanta fishing grant awarded. Focuses on cleaning up the Harbor floor in the area of the Federal channel. Pays our fishers a day's pay.

Cid Bolduc is in the running for a Pepsi grant to fund local kids to paint the ice machine.

Luis Ribas spoke about the barge incident, the importance of dealing with the deterioration of the floating docks and making clear to the fishers what the job and the responsibilities of the HM and AHM entail, especially during storms.

Noah commented about the floating dock issues. Candace comment about the courtesy float being in the water if not being used.

At 5:07 P.M., there was a motion to convene an Executive Session pursuant to M.G. L. c. 39, s. 23B to discuss a personnel issue and not to reconvene in open session

Motion: Kerry Adams **Second:** Rich Wood

Roll Call Vote:

Lee Ash: Yes

Rich Wood: Yes

Kerry Adams: Yes

Ginny Binder: Yes

Motion Passes

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini
PPPC Administrative Assistant

George Hitchcock, Chair