



**Provincetown Public Pier Corporation (PPPC)
Grace Gouveia Building Room 6
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, November 18, 2010**

Members present: Kerry Adams, Rich Wood, and Carlos Verde.

Members absent: Lee Ash (excused) and Ginny Binder (excused).

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

Vice Chair Kerry Adams called the Public Meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Annual Public Hearing for Public Comment on Operations:

Kerry read an e-mail from Raphael Richter, manager of Mercedes Cab and Cape Cab, commenting on Pier fees for taxis and livery vehicles and with suggestions on how to improve vehicular traffic on the Pier. Kerry and Rich who serve on the Traffic Subcommittee will schedule a meeting to hear grievances and suggestions in regard to the issue.

Francis Santos, speaking as a private citizen, suggested that the floating docks be removed from water on November 1st so as not to be subjected to wind and wave action. Questioned why Harbormaster still has 3 boats in the water.

Vice Chair Kerry Adams adjourned the Annual Public Hearing at 4:10 P.M.

Public Statements

Isac DeLomba spoke of his concerns regarding Assistant Harbormaster Luis Ribas' behavior toward certain tenants when Rex is not on duty. Alleges that Luis does not obey the rules of the Pier and offered several examples. Feels he is being harassed. Kerry suggested that Isac write down his complaints and submit them to the Personnel Subcommittee.

Fernando Lomba also spoke of his concerns about Assistant Harbormaster Ribas' behavior while Rex is absent from Pier. Reiterated Isac's allegations that Luis enforces but does not follow rules. Suggested that one of the Assistant Harbormasters be made available to shovel ice for tenants.

Pedro Verde spoke about Assistant Harbormaster Ribas' treatment of certain tenants in Rex's absence, parking and ticketing issues on the Pier and about an Assistant Harbormaster sleeping during a shift.

Antonio Diaz discussed his list of grievances about Pier, including Assistant Harbormaster Ribas' behavior towards certain tenants when Rex is off duty or on vacation, his concern that the vessel 'Antonio Jorge' was being singled out for attention in letter to fleet about excessive electrical use, inadequate lighting on the Pier, the behavior and professionalism of seasonal Assistant Harbormasters, the shallow placement of pilings near the 'Antonio Jorge' and the presence of unleashed dogs on the Pier. Suggested efforts should be made to improve communication between Pier Corp. Board, staff and tenants and tenants should be better informed about what is happening on the Pier.

Board discussion ensued.

Joe Rodriguez also commented about unleashed dogs.

Kerry thanked speakers and stated that the issues raised by tenants will be investigated.

Review Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting on 10/14/10 as written.

Motion: Rich Wood **2nd:** Carlos Verde

Vote:

Yes: 2 **No:** 0 **A:** 1 (Kerry Adams abstaining)

Motion Passes.

Directors' Statements

Carlos Verde: Good feedback from the fishers who attended the Meeting. Expressed his opinion that Assistant Harbormaster Ribas does a good job while Rex was on vacation.

Rich Wood: Also felt that the suggestions made by tenants present were helpful. Agrees about improving communications between staff and tenants.

Kerry Adams: Concurs with previous comments by Rich and Carlos. Would like to address the issues raised by tenant, including adding lights near ice machine and improving the lighting on the Pier in general. Rex should be first line of communication if tenant has an issue.

Working Group Reports

Engineering Services Report: Kerry and Rich went over bids with Rex. Rich gave a synopsis of those bids.

Board discussion ensued. Dave Bedard and Tom Coen joined the discussion. Dave suggested inquiring about availability of monies now being used by Town for structural inspections of its buildings.

Rex will speak to Sharon about those funds.

A motion was made to accept the bid of Bourne Engineering for Pier engineering services pending identification of funds from the Town.

Motion: Carlos Verde **2nd:** Rich Wood

Vote:

Yes: 3 **No:** 0 **A:** 0

Motion Passes.

Trap Shed Report – Kerry stated that the sheds have become very popular. Seasonal rate increase \$4000.00 for the 2011 season. Received more applications than space available. Recommended purchasing one or two additional trap sheds for 2011.

Board discussion ensued. The Board will discuss acquisition of more trap sheds at next meeting.

Pier Manager's Report

Rex thanked staff for good job while he was on vacation, including renovating the office.

Provincetown Harbor Water Quality: Going after grant money to test water samples for human pathogens and to eventually initiate pilot projects that will affect the beach closings and water quality.

Razor's Edge: Has gone to Fairhaven to be de-commissioned. Counsel sent out demand letters to owner.

Harbor Committee: Harbor Committee will appear before Conservation Commission on December 7th for permission to clean the beach.

Next meeting is December 9th at Caucus Hall in Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn @ 6:15 P.M.

Motion: Rich Wood **2nd:** Carlos Verde

Vote:

Yes: 3 **No:** 0

Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen C. Battaglini
PPPC Administrative Assistant

Lee Ash, Chair