

PEASE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PORT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 05, 2015

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PRESENT: Peter Loughlin, Chairperson
Frank Torr
John Bohenko
Dave Mullen, Executive Director, PDA
Geno Marconi, Director, DPH
Irv Canner, Finance Director, PDA
Mark Gardner, Legal Counsel, PDA

ATTENDEES: Chris Holt, Portsmouth Pilots
Roger Groux, DPH Advisory Council Member

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Loughlin called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

2) PUBLIC COMMENT

3) APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2013 MEETING

John Bohenko made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2014 meeting; Frank Torr seconded. Motion passed without exception.

4) FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Canner reviewed the Finance Report ending December 31, 2014.

5) DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Marconi told the Committee that the bridge project is in full swing. Steel for the trestle bridge is on the ground in the yard. He also told the members that the salt business has been very busy.

Mr. Marconi reported that the truck scale is broken. He had a company look at it and it cannot be fixed. The scale is approximately twenty five (25) years old. While he has already ordered the scale due to the urgency of the situation, he is seeking approval from the committee to recommend to the board the purchase of a new scale which will cost Eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000). Mr. Bohenko asked where the funds would come from and he was told that the Harbor Dredge and Pier Maintenance Fund has sufficient monies to pay for the scale.

John Bohenko made a motion to recommend to the PDA Board of Directors approval to purchase a new scale; Frank Torr seconded. Motion passed without exception.

Director Marconi reported that he continues to get inquires from companies regarding cargo.

6) OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

7) NEW BUSINESS

Roger Groux, a member of the Advisory Council told the Committee that the Council voted unanimously in favor of a bascule bridge at Sagamore Creek. Chris Holt, also a member of the Council, also spoke in favor of the bascule bridge stating that a fixed bridge could hinder the vessel activity in Sagamore Creek.

Mr. Bohenko asked if dredging would be an issue. Director Marconi told him that it would depend on the type of equipment used. Mr. Bohenko said that the City of Portsmouth favored a fixed bridge because it would save the city about \$3 million dollars (\$3,000,000) on a water line. Mr. Bohenko stated that the DOT would have the final word. A public hearing is being held this evening regarding the bridge.

8) PRESS QUESTIONS

There were no members of the press present.

9) ADJOURNMENT

John Bohenko made a motion to adjourn; Frank Torr seconded. Motion to adjourn passed without exception. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.