

PEASE DEAVELPMENT AUTHORITY  
DIVISION OF PORTS AND HARBORS  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 20, 2015

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PRESENT: Don Coker, Chairperson  
Roger Groux  
Chris Snow  
Chris Holt  
Jeff Gilbert  
Erik Anderson  
Geno Marconi, Director

ATTENDEES: Lynn Hinchee, Counsel, PDA

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Coker called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

2) APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2015

Erik Anderson made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting; Chris Holt seconded. Motion to accept the minutes passed without exception.

Chairperson Coker asked for a motion to suspend the order of business to accommodate a member who had to leave early.

Chris Holt made the motion to skip to the Committee Reports; Roger Groux seconded the motion. Motion to suspend the order of business passed without exception.

Moorings – Chris Snow – Mr. Snow distributed a paper reflecting his response to some of the problems Mr. Moynihan feels exist. Commercial moorings were discussed. The transferability of commercial moorings is of concern to Mr. Anderson. It is his opinion that a commercial mooring should be used only for a marine related business. Mr. Marconi referred to the Administrative Rules definition of a commercial mooring.

Discussion. The overall opinion of the members of the Council is that there is no real issue with commercial moorings and the transfer of those moorings.

3) FINANCE REPORT – Jeff Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert reviewed the finance report ending March 31, 2015. Mr. Marconi told the Council that in order to reduce expenses, some professional services have been stopped. A review of the past year's expenditures will be conducted to see where savings can be realized.

4) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Marconi told the Council that there has been an increase in business in the last month. It represents a significant amount of revenue with a barge at the dock on a regular basis. He said also that he is talking with a company regarding laydown area.

Director Marconi said that he had a meeting with the CBOC next week. Director Marconi said that in 2013 the legislature took about 3 million dollars from the Pier Expansion Fund to dredge Hampton and Seabrook (\$1.5 million) and to do the renovations at the Hampton Facility. We need to settle up with the ACOE and the project went over budget for reasons beyond our control, the ACOE is owed \$202,702.47. He will ask the CBOC to make this final payment out of the original appropriation. He said he also needs a final payment of \$82,000 for the contractor for Hampton Commercial Pier Project. Another TIGER Grant is available and an application will be filed. The old application will be rewritten and \$6,000 is needed for this to be done. As part of the TIGER grant, an inspection of the main wharf needs to be done which will cost \$109,000. The balance in the Port Expansion Fund is \$5,841,000 and will be asking to spend \$400,000. Maine and the New Hampshire DOT are not applying for a TIGER grant which is good news. Mr. Marconi has many letters of support for the TIGER grant.

The other request of the CBOC is to release not more than \$40,000 from the Harbor Dredge Pier Maintenance Fund to permanently install the new truck scale. The balance of the fund is \$424,000.

Mr. Marconi told the Council that the State of NH received a \$1.136 million grant from NOAA for fisheries disaster. This is for ground fishing, party boats, etc. as well as infrastructure. This is considered a reimbursement grant. NH F & G went to the Senate Finance Committee and asked them to raise the F&G budget by the same amount. \$1.136 million so the funds could be dispersed to the commercial industry. The Senate Committee wouldn't do it. The Advisory Committee on Marine Fisheries voted to write a letter to each state senator. The senators put the money back in the budget. Discussion.

5) COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fisheries – Erik Anderson – Mr. Anderson left the meeting early and was not available to give a report.

Government – Esther Kennedy – Ms. Kennedy was not present to give a report.

PDA Liaison – Roger Groux – Mr. Groux said that at the meeting on Thursday, the PDA Board would be approving the amendments to the unrestricted piers. Also they are doing an ROE for Liberty Marine Transportation.

DES is drafting rules for structures over tidal waters. Peter Loughlin and Tracy Shattuck have been invited to be part of the committee. Chief Shattuck will report back to the Council.

Roger had an article showing that UNH did a major study of what will happen by 2050 and the end of the century regarding tidal waters. Discussion.

Maritime/Public Affairs – Don Coker – The Andelousha (sp?) will be here and day sails will take place off the New Castle pier. The Linx will be doing the day sails but are not part of the event.

Dredging – Chris Holt – At the last meeting, Kittery said that they didn't want the rock from the turning basin off River Road. After some discussion, the sea wall at the Isles of Shoals could use some repair so it may end up out there. Sagamore Creek was talked about as was eel grass. There are some monies left over from the Simplex Shoal area which may go towards Sagamore Creek. Spot dredging of that area was discussed.

Director Marconi told the Council that the ACOE has some monies from Hurricane Sandy and will be using it to repair the North Jetty at Hampton. Some old paperwork was resurrected and it stated that the Port Authority is responsible for getting all the easements and rights of entry. Negotiations with DRED were started and the easements for the ACOE contract is the first 150 feet of the jetty from the shoreside. The rest of the jetty can be done from the waterside by barge. It was also discovered that \$91,000 that was put in on the pier side of the property where the launch ramp was put in and a couple of sections on the concrete floats and several parking spaces. Anytime something is being done on the Hampton facility that isn't recreational, the Port has to obtain a waiver from Parks and Recreation. The process of getting a right of entry between PDA and the Parks Department is underway by which we can sign a MOA with the ACOE so they can do their work.

6) NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss.

7) OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

8) PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

9) PRESS QUESTIONS

No members of the press were present.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Chris Snow made a motion to adjourn; Roger Groux seconded. Motion to adjourn passed without exception. Meeting adjourned.