

PCFC FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS
to the
EDGARTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
11/19/2007

Over the past seven months the PCFC has gathered information, listened to public input, interviewed people, and reviewed a variety of options to attempt to answer the Selectmen's charge: should the Town of Edgartown purchase the Chappy Ferry. The PCFC was still in the process of evaluating various scenarios for ownership of the Chappy Ferry as our deadline approached. In the end, the committee voted to present to the Selectmen recommendations that, as a group, we agreed upon in the majority or better. Below are our recommendations.

1. Recommendations for action. Agreed to by a 10-1 vote.

- a) There should be an advisory committee appointed by the Selectmen to interface between the Selectmen and those using the Chappy Ferry
- b) Rates
 - i. They should be fair and not arbitrary
 - ii. Selectmen should come up with criteria and a procedure to review requested increases
 - iii. All categories of fares should be reviewed by Selectmen
 - iv. There should be a full review of all existing and potential rate categories
- c) Service
 - i. There should be a minimum standard/level of performance specified
 - ii. Selectmen should maintain the rights for reviewing/approving schedule changes

2. Committee voted that the Town should not purchase the Chappy Ferry and run it as a Town Department.

3. Committee voted that the Selectmen should not allow the present condition of ownership (private owner with the same licensing arrangement) to be continued in the future.

Additionally, it was voted 10 - 0 – 1 to submit a report to the Board of Selectmen that included the three votes passed by the Committee (3 votes above). Further, that the Committee recommend that the Board of Selectmen request that Town Counsel immediately begin review and redraft of lease and license terms (in light

of pending sale) and appoint an Advisory Committee to work with the Board of Selectmen to a) continue study of other options that will provide superior, long term operating solutions and b) to provide applicable counsel and a communication link to the community on an ongoing basis and that the so called minority report, and any other pertinent findings of the Committee, be submitted to the advisory committee.