



# Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

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## SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

January 15, 2013

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The Members of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority ("SSA") held their regular monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. on January 15, 2013, in the second floor conference room of the SSA's Woods Hole terminal, located at the Foot of Railroad Avenue, Woods Hole, Massachusetts. All five Board Members were in attendance: Chairman Robert F. Ranney (Nantucket); Vice Chairman Robert L. O'Brien (Barnstable); Secretary Marc N. Hanover (Martha's Vineyard); Robert S. Marshall (Falmouth) (who participated by telephone conference); and John A. Tierney (New Bedford).

1. The Board began the meeting with a moment of silence for their friend and colleague, H. Flint Ranney, who served the SSA over the past eleven years in various capacities – first, on the Finance Advisory Board; then, on the Port Council; and, for the last eight years, as Nantucket's SSA Member. All of us here at the SSA appreciate Flint's dedicated service and his many contributions, including his suggestion in 2006 to install the *S/S Nobska's* whistle on the *M/V Eagle*, and his persistent push for customer service improvements.
2. SSA management provided the Board with an update on the SSA's website redesign project. The new website is expected to be launched within the next six weeks, although the exact launch date will depend on how the final testing goes over the next two weeks and how quickly the SSA can resolve any remaining issues. The SSA's objectives in developing the new website have been to improve the website's overall appearance, to make the website more user-friendly for both island residents and visitors, to enhance the SSA's marketing capabilities, and to provide information that can be filtered by island or targeted to certain groups such island residents or visitors.
3. The Board approved management's recommendation to participate in the Massachusetts Ferry Transportation Compact among various water transportation stakeholders through-

out the coastal communities of Massachusetts. The Compact is expected to include representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation, the Seaport Advisory Council, Massport, the MBTA, the cities of Boston, Lynn, New Bedford and Salem, and the Towns of Hull, Winthrop and Provincetown, in addition to other water transportation stakeholders. The purpose of the Compact will be to examine the opportunities to provide additional transportation mobility options for the Commonwealth's residents and visitors, to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and economic development, and to make investment recommendations in connection with available grants for water transportation services and infrastructure improvements.

4. The Board authorized SSA General Manager Wayne C. Lamson to award Contract No. 01-13 for dry-dock and overhaul services for the *M/V Island Home* to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder for the contract following the opening of bids therefor, which is currently scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>. The vessel is scheduled to be in the shipyard from around March 8, 2013 to around April 9, 2013 to undergo a required United States Coast Guard hull exam, machinery inspections and repairs, underwater hull cleaning and painting, and installation of sewage holding tanks and evacuation piping.
5. The Board also authorized Mr. Lamson to award Contract No. 02-13 for the supply and delivery of steel pipe piles and steel pipe caps to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder for the contract following the opening of bids therefor, which is currently scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>. The main pier section of the Oak Bluffs terminal's pier was damaged by high seas generated by Hurricane Sandy, with damage to piles, pile caps, stringers, decking, railings, lighting, electrical conduits and wiring. In an effort to minimize damage to the pier during future severe weather events, repair work for the pier has been redesigned with steel piles and pile caps in place of the failed pier that was constructed of wooden members. In addition, the pier is being designed to have the decking be the weak link in the design, allowing the deck planking to give way when extreme sea water pressure is exerted from underneath the pier.
6. The Board also authorized Mr. Lamson to award Contract No. 03-13 for the replacement of the fender for Slip #1 at the Nantucket terminal to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder for the contract following the opening of bids therefor, which is currently scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup>. The existing berthing fenders and fender frames have been in use since the terminal was reconstructed in 1984. As Slip #1 is the Nantucket terminal's primary passenger/vehicle slip, the fenders on that slip have received much more wear and tear than the fenders on Slip #2. The contract requires the contractor to replace the slip's nine existing fenders and fender frames and to complete all of the work by no later than April 12, 2013.

7. The Board also authorized Mr. Lamson to award Contract No. 04-13 for repairs to the Oak Bluffs terminal pier to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder for the contract following the opening of bids therefor, which is currently scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. Under the contract, the contractor will be required to remove the damaged electrical equipment, lighting, pier decking, stringers, pile caps and wooden piles, and dispose of all debris; then to replace the wooden piles and pile caps with Owner Furnished steel piles and caps (see ¶ 5 above), install new wooden stringers, re-deck the pier and make repairs to electrical and lighting systems. In addition, the contractor will be required to replace the rubber fenders on a damaged dolphin, and complete all of the work within 90 calendar days from the award of the contract so that the terminal is ready to open by the beginning of the 2013 Summer Schedule on May 16, 2013.
  
8. Mr. Lamson reported that, in accordance with the authorization the Board gave him last month, after bids were opened on December 20, 2012 for Contract No. 07-12 for the demolition of the old Falmouth ice rink, he awarded the contract to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, J.R. Vinagro Corporation of Johnston, Rhode Island, for a Total Contract Price of \$141,654.25. The SSA purchased the ice rink property from the Falmouth Youth Hockey League in 2011 and is demolishing the building in order to create additional parking at the SSA's Palmer Avenue parking lot. The demolition is scheduled to begin next week.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board voted to go into executive session to discuss various matters appropriate for discussion in executive session, and they announced that they would reconvene in public.

The next regular monthly meeting of the SSA's Board is currently scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. The meeting is currently scheduled to take place in the second floor conference room of the SSA's Woods Hole terminal, but the location, time and date of the meeting are all subject to change, so please look for the formal notice for the meeting that will appear on this website next month. Thank you.