



Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

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

January 21, 2014

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 21, 2014, in Rooms 104 and 105 of the Marine Biological Laboratory's Candle House, located at 127 Water Street, Woods Hole, Massachusetts. All five Board Members were in attendance: Chairman Robert L. O'Brien (Barnstable); Vice Chairman Marc N. Hanover (Martha's Vineyard); Catherine N. Norton (Falmouth); John A. Tierney (New Bedford); and Robert F. Ranney (Nantucket).

1. The Board began the meeting by welcoming their newest Member, Catherine Norton, to her first meeting as the Town of Falmouth's SSA Member. Ms. Norton was appointed to her position by the Falmouth Board of Selectmen at their meeting last week to fill the vacancy that was created when Robert Marshall resigned as Falmouth's SSA Member in November 2013 after eleven years of dedicated service. Later in the meeting, the Board also elected Ms. Norton to serve as the SSA's Secretary for the 2014 calendar year.
2. SSA General Manager Wayne Lamson reported that work is continuing as scheduled on Phase 2 of the Palmer Avenue parking lot improvements project and that the project is still expected to be completed before Memorial Day weekend. Recently the contractor uncovered a couple of underground oil tanks on the property that were not shown on any of the Town of Falmouth's records. Although there does not appear to be any contamination in the soil beneath the tanks, the SSA is having the soil analyzed by an independent laboratory to determine whether there is any contaminated soil there that would then have to be removed.
3. Mr. Lamson reported that the SSA management staff is continuing to meet with the working group from the Woods Hole community to consider some additional alternatives to the design concepts for the reconstruction of the Woods Hole terminal that the SSA's architects, Bertaux + Iwerks Architects LLP, presented to the public in November. In particular, the staff is looking at other possible locations on the site for the terminal building and having it be one story instead of two stories. The staff also is continuing to

refine the program elements for the terminal building so that they are more along the lines of the SSA's Hyannis and Vineyard Haven terminals, which could allow the SSA to reduce the size of the building. It will take around four weeks for Bertaux + Iwerks to develop these alternatives and, after they are completed, the staff will meet with the community working group again at the beginning of March to review them. Mr. Lamson stated that his goal is to come up with a preferred alternative that represents a consensus among the staff and the community as to how the new terminal can meet the SSA's operational needs while also addressing the community's legitimate concerns as best as the SSA can.

4. Mr. Lamson also reported that the staff has had a kick-off meeting with Green Seal Environmental, Inc. to start the final design and engineering process for the SSA's new parking lot off of Thomas B. Landers Road. Green Seal is exploring a possible change to the parking lot's preliminary design that would result in a "one tier" lot instead of the current plan to construct the lot in three tiers. This would allow the lot to have 250 more parking spaces than its current design capacity of 1,550, although there would still be fewer spaces there than the 1,900 potential spaces that were the basis for the SSA's environmental impact statements. On the other hand, this "one tier" lot would increase the construction cost of the lot by more than \$1,000,000. Mr. Lamson stated that, whichever way the lot is constructed, the staff's goal remains to issue an invitation for bids in June for the construction of the parking lot, to award a contract in July to construct the parking lot, to commence construction in October at the latest, and to have the parking lot ready for use by the beginning of the 2015 summer season.
5. Mr. Lamson reported that the staff also has had a kick-off meeting with Elliott Bay Design Group for the design of the SSA's new vehicle/passenger ferry, where the staff reviewed the project schedule and developed a proposed Statement of Owner's Requirements for the new ferry. One open issue is whether the vessel's passenger capacity should be 384 or 512, and today the Board authorized Elliott Bay to study what additional requirements and costs would be incurred if the SSA were to decide to have the vessel's passenger capacity be 512 instead of 384. Otherwise, the Board approved the proposed Statement of Owner's Requirements for the new vessel, which will now serve as the basis for its preliminary design. The staff's goal is to have the preliminary design completed by mid-March, to have the final contract design and specifications approved by the United States Coast Guard in order to issue an invitation for bids in October for the construction of the new vessel, to award the construction contract in January 2015, and to have the vessel in service by May 2016.
6. On Tuesday, January 14th, the SSA started accepting online vehicle reservations from the general public for the 2014 summer season and, over the last six days, the SSA has processed more than 15,000 transactions, representing a 3% increase from the first six days the SSA accepted online vehicle reservations from the general public in January 2013. Moreover, the SSA's Headstart customers made approximately 85% of their online reservations on the SSA's new website without any significant problems, which will allow the SSA to discontinue using its old website later this month.

7. The Board awarded Contract #26-13 for dry-dock and overhaul services for the *M/V Governor* to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder for the contract, Thames Shipyard and Repair Company of New London, Connecticut, for the Total Contract Price of \$671,634. The *M/V Governor* will go into the shipyard in February 2014 to undergo a United States Coast Guard hull exam, machinery inspections, underwater hull cleaning and painting, superstructure painting, sewage holding tank and associated piping modifications, and modifications to the vessel's fuel tank.
8. The Board also awarded Contract #29-13 for dry-dock and overhaul services for the *M/V Iyanough* to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder for the contract, Senesco Marine LLC of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, for a Total Contract Price of \$874,917. The *M/V Iyanough* will be in the shipyard in the spring of 2014 to undergo a United States Coast Guard hull exam, machinery inspections, underwater hull cleaning, underwater hull painting, superstructure painting, deck covering replacement, water jet overhauls, ride control system upgrade, installation of a new 750-gallon sanitary flushing tank and associated piping, and installation of two new 1,000-gallon sewage holding tanks and associated piping.
9. Finally, all of the SSA Members on the Board expressed how sorry they were to hear that, last week, S. Eric Asendorf resigned his position as the Town of Falmouth's representative on the SSA's Port Council, and they thanked him for his 18 years of dedicated service. From 1995 through 2002, Mr. Asendorf was elected to serve as Falmouth's representative on the SSA's former Finance Advisory Board and then, beginning in 2002, he has been appointed by the Falmouth Board of Selectmen to continue serving as the Town's representative on the SSA's Port Council.

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 not reconvene in public.

The next regular monthly meeting of the SSA's Board is currently scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. The meeting is currently scheduled to take place in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. However, 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.