



Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

MEETING NOTICE

WOODS HOLE / FALMOUTH NOISE AND TRAFFIC MITIGATION WORKING GROUP

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.

First Floor Meeting Room
Steamship Authority's Administrative Offices
228 Palmer Avenue, Falmouth, MA 02540

NOTE: Pursuant to Senate Bill 2475, signed into law by Gov. Baker on June 16, 2021, this meeting will be held virtually. The public may participate in the meeting, including Public Comment, by going to zoom.us and using meeting ID 871 1426 2186. Participants can also use the same meeting ID and join telephonically by calling one of the following numbers: 669-900-6833, 346-248-7799, 929-436-2866, 253-215-8782, 301-715-8592, or 312-626-6799.

Link to attend meeting:

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MEETING IN PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the Working Group's April 28, 2021 meeting.
2. MassDOT's response to the Town of Falmouth's request for additional No Speeding or similar signs on Woods Hole Road and to conduct spot checks of truck weights.
3. Report on the SSA's efforts to eliminate the unacceptable traffic backups from the Woods Hole terminal and to stop vehicles from crossing the double yellow line on Crane Street to get around other vehicles waiting to check in.
4. Steven Tupper's response that the Cape Cod Commission has not maintained a noise monitoring program and does not have any noise monitoring equipment.
5. Update on the following matters:
 - (a) The SSA's enforcement of its policy against early arrivals of early-morning freight trucks, as well as its enforcement of its other noise mitigation policies.

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- (b) Emails received by the SSA's whtraffic@steamshipauthority.com email address since the Working Group's last meeting. Generally the emails are about:
 - (i) Trucks speeding and using their engine brakes.
 - (ii) Trucks parked on the sidewalk and along the side of the road.
 - (iii) SSA shuttle buses speeding.
 - (iv) Huge lines of vehicles leaving the Woods Hole terminal after being unloaded from the ferry clogging the flow of traffic going north on Woods Hole Road.
 - (v) Traffic backups from the Woods Hole terminal and vehicles crossing the double yellow line on Crane Street to get around other vehicles waiting to check in.
 - (vi) Car carrier truck stopped dead on Woods Hole Road.
 - (c) Emails received from Nat Trumbull since the Working Group's last meeting. Generally the emails are about:
 - (i) Trucks speeding on Woods Hole Road.
 - (ii) The noise of Bruno's/Carroll's trucks.
 - (iii) A heavy truck driving past a stopped school bus.
 - (iv) Trucks being able to travel on standby on reservation-only days.
 - (v) SSA shuttle buses and private vehicles crossing the double yellow line on Crane Street.
 - (vi) Traffic backups on Woods Hole Road due to vehicles waiting to be checked in at the Woods Hole terminal.
 - (d) The SSA's visits to its Woods Hole neighbors and problem noise areas along Woods Hole Road.
 - (e) The truck check-in system and how this could be made electronic.
6. Establishing the date and time for the Working Group's next meeting.
7. Public input.

Posted at 1:50 PM on Monday, July 26, 2021
Amended at 3:15 PM on Wednesday, July 28, 2021