



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 18, 2022

The Members of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at the Authority's Administrative Offices, 228 Palmer Avenue, Falmouth. All five Board Members were present and participated via Zoom videoconferencing: Chair Moira E. Tierney (New Bedford); Vice Chair Robert F. Ranney (Nantucket); Secretary Robert R. Jones (Barnstable); James M. Malkin (Dukes County); and Peter J. Jeffrey (Falmouth).

1. General Manager Robert B. Davis and Woods Hole Terminal Reconstruction Project Manager William J. Cloutier provided the following updates on the Woods Hole Terminal Reconstruction Project:
 - Marine contractor Jay Cashman Inc.'s crew worked on drilling the two 36-inch piles inside Monopile No. 31 and succeeded in getting the second 36-inch pile drilled to the design depth of -85 feet inside Monopile No. 31. They also filled the 36-inch pile and the monopile with concrete. They inserted the rebar cage in the top 4 feet and poured the concrete cap.
 - The divers placed stone riprap along the bulkhead south of the Slip No. 1 transfer bridge to reinforce the toe of the steel sheet piles. They placed the concrete mattresses for scour protection in Slip No. 1. Then divers tied the concrete mattresses together.
 - Cashman's crew laid the stone for the stone groin behind the southern monopiles. This stone groin is intended to protect the eelgrass and the beach south of Slip No. 1
 - Cashman also installed an additional spool piece on Monopile No. 19 in Slip No. 2 to protect the corner of the south pier as well as the vessels.
 - Lawrence Lynch Corp. was on site to repair paving on the south side of Slip No. 2.
 - The electrical contractor has been onsite to complete additional electrical work, including replacing the lights on the transfer bridge gallows with units that can be shielded
 - Thus far, the Authority has sent 181 community email updates for the project.

2. Regarding the landside portion of the project, Mr. Davis said the project's design team is scheduled to present updates to the community on the landside design of the Woods Hole Terminal Reconstruction Project. The meeting will be held via Zoom at 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2022. The meeting corresponds to roughly to the completion of 90% of the Design Development phase. The design team recently met with community representatives to review plans for Cahoon Park, landscaping in general, as well as how the landside work will be phased.
3. Mr. Davis provided an update on the Safety Management and Quality System (SQMS), noting that the Support Operations Manual (SOM) is now complete. Staff will be working with vendor Safety Management Systems LLC to review the SOM, as well as the Terminal and Facilities Operations Manual (TFOM) and the Vessel Operations Manual (VOM) prior to beginning the auditing process.
4. Communications Director Sean F. Driscoll provided an update on the website redesign and mobile app development project, noting that the project's first phase was now under way. ADK Group is performing a thorough assessment of the Authority's needs and has scheduled six working sessions with various members of the project team, other staff and project consultants over the next two weeks. This phase is expected to run through early February, and the project currently calls for the website to launch in early November and the app to launch in early January 2023.
5. Director of Marine Operations Mark H. Amundsen provided an update on the dry docking of the *M/V Island Home* at Senesco Marine, LLC of North Kingstown, Rhode Island, which recently began. Highlights of the project include overhaul of the bow and stern doors, blast and coating of the superstructure and underwater areas, overhaul of the bow thrusters, shaft, rudders, and anchor windlass. The contract cost is \$1,365,748.
6. Mr. Amundsen provided an update on the recent repair period of the *M/V Eagle*, which included the installation of a new fire detection system and a brief dry-docking at Senesco to replace a thruster seal. The vessel is now back in service on the Nantucket route.
7. The Board authorized Mr. Davis to execute a three-year license renewal with Cape & Islands Transport LLC to provide ferry service from Falmouth's Inner Harbor to Edgartown, operating under essentially the same terms as its current license.
8. The Board authorized Mr. Davis to offer the annual twenty percent (20%) discount on the sale of high-speed passenger ticket books prior to the return of the *M/V Iyanough* to service. This year's sale will run Sunday, March 20, 2022 through Saturday, April 2, 2022; the Board also gave Mr. Davis the authority to reschedule the sale or hold a second sale should the return of high-speed service be delayed due to COVID-19, although no such delay is anticipated.
9. Following the Board's authorization in December 2021 to allow Mr. Davis to award the bid for Contract No. 23-2021, Dry Dock and Overhaul Services for the *M/V Nantucket*, to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder following the bid opening, he reported that the contract was awarded to Thames Shipyard & Repair Co. of New London, Connecticut, for

a total contract price of \$1,751,492. The Board also authorized Mr. Davis to execute Change Order No. 202 for Contract No. 16-2017, Woods Hole Reconstruction – Waterside, with Jay Cashman Inc. on a time and materials basis to install a reinforced concrete cofferdam connecting Monopile No. 24 to a pair of 42-inch piles set behind the monopile.

10. Mr. Davis provided an update on the Authority's COVID-19 vaccination verification policy, which requires all employees demonstrate that they have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination by the start of our 2022 Winter Operating Schedule on January 5, 2022. Currently, 97.5% of the Authority's employees have submitted either proof of vaccination; a request for exemption based upon sincerely held religious beliefs or medically detrimental conditions; or documented appointments for vaccination.

The next monthly Board meeting is currently scheduled for 9:30 a.m. February 15, 2022. Please look for the formal notice for the meeting that will appear on this website. Thank you.