



Edgartown Wharf Committee Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Wharf Committee was called to order at 12:02pm on Friday, November 18, 2022 via Zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present:

Members: Steve Ewing, Scott Ellis

Advisors: Charlie Blair, Andrew Nilson

Guests: Chris Scott (Safe Harbor)

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) The Notice of Intent has been filed and will be reviewed by the Conservation Commission at their 11/30/22 meeting. Andrew will be present to give a presentation and answer any questions.
- b) Chris Scott of Safe Harbor was present and said he would also attend the ConCom meeting to answer any questions they might have about the building. Mr. Scott would like a better understanding of the long-term plan for the area so he can make a determination about how to proceed with improvements to the building.
- c) The Committee discussed the logistics of the proposed work, such as whether to bring the timber walkway around the pier up to the level of the parking lot so people do not have to step down to it. Charlie and Mr. Scott were both in favor of this as the walkway is under water multiple times per year. The Committee also discussed the logistics of the area around the Travelift that needs to be demolished. Mr. Scott said the apparatus can be moved so the area can be excavated. Andrew will look at the utilities and figure out the details of how to cap them for construction.
- d) The Committee discussed the underground fuel tanks owned by Ralph Packer. Andrew said he thought those might be left in place because removing them would likely collapse the wall. Charlie responded that DEP is requiring the tanks to be removed so the steel will have to be driven first and then the tanks will be extracted. There was discussion regarding Mr. Packer's reluctance to remove the tanks and whether it would be more productive to include that in the scope of work that the Town will undertake. Charlie stated that Packer's lease has expired and he is not currently authorized to pump fuel next summer. Steve said he will reach out to Packer to see if he has existing conditions/plans for the underground tanks.
- e) The Committee discussed the overall cost of the job. Warrant article requests are due on 12/16/22 so a construction estimate will be needed by then. Andrew will work on putting that together.
- f) The Committee discussed engaging the two direct abutters to the project: Jordan and Malm. Charlie and Steve met with Mr. Malm to discuss the unique ownership situation of the pier at his properties. Andrew stated that there is no bulkhead there, just timber decking, and that area does not have to be included in the scope of work for North Wharf. He also said that the support of the abutters is important for the success of the permitting process. Steve said that both abutters understand the situation and have been supportive. Andrew suggested setting up a formal meeting with them to answer questions and then have them sign a letter of

support to include in the permitting applications. Charlie will reach out to James and have him set up a meeting with the abutters and counsel.

- g) The Committee discussed the operations of the building on site, currently managed by Safe Harbor. Mr. Scott stated that they would like to move away from the retail operation and instead provide an area for their clients to enjoy, including bathroom facilities. There was some discussion about who should be responsible for maintaining the existing facilities; currently the Harbormaster manages those but thinks Safe Harbor should. Mr. Scott disagreed. The Committee discussed some of the other current uses/users of the building.
- h) The Committee discussed the permitting process after the filing of the NOI. MEPA, DEP and Chapter 91 permits will all have to be applied for.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:05pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare