

Edgartown Wharf Committee Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the Wharf Committee was called to order at 12:00pm on Friday, February 23rd, 2024 via zoom teleconference.

II. ROLL CALL:

The following persons were present: **Members:** Steve Ewing, Scott Ellis **Advisors:** Charlie Blair, Andrew Nilson

Guests: Seana Kelly, Aydinc (AJ) Guzelce, Barry Patterson, Glenn DeBlase

III. OPEN ISSUES:

- a) The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from 2/2/24 and 2/9/24.

 Motion placed on the floor by Scott to approve the 2/2/24 and 2/9/24 draft minutes. Steve seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (2-0).
- b) AJ updated the Committee on the project: They have been doing everything they can to work with the high tides. Most of the work in the Southeast corner has been completed, with the exception of the bottom row of bolts, which they haven't had access to do. Brian is on site to approve the backfilling. AJ said there are two critical tasks that need to be completed next week to keep the project on schedule (installation of bridge brackets and jet filters). He thinks they will be able to work the tides next week with low tide in the mornings; they will start early to take advantage. All in all, things are progressing well. The Committee discussed the work schedule for the following week.
- c) Andrew said he reviewed Coastal's revised schedule and it looks good to them. The Committee discussed the weather conditions for the upcoming week.
- d) Steve asked whether Glenn and Andrew had gotten together regarding the fuel tanks. Glenn said he hasn't spoken with Andrew, but he did speak with DEP and they sent over a bunch of information that he will forward to Childs. Glenn said his contact at DEP said this situation is within the parameters for permission to leave the tanks in place permanently. Glenn also said that Packer had a survey done a few years back that indicated that removing the tanks could be detrimental to the building; this will help support the request to DEP. Glenn will compile all this information into a packet to send over to Andrew; more specific decisions will be made once feedback is received from DEP.

Andrew said that Brian is on-site today and will be evaluating the building as part of his visit. The Committee discussed the ability to use the space inside the building this season.

- e) The Committee discussed the tides over the next few weeks.
- f) The crane barge is still on site; the materials barge has left.
- g) AJ said his electrical contractor has some questions about the electrical infrastructure on site; he would like to have someone with knowledge about this to respond to those

- questions. Andrew can provide existing conditions. Charlie said they use all the electrical pedestals on site and will need everything restored. There will be an additional conduit installed as part of the work.
- h) AJ said they are planning to start the formwork for the cap wall the first week of March.
- i) Barry stated that some of the conduits will need to be replaced and they all should be looked at to make sure that they haven't collapsed. He suggested snaking them before attempting to dig them out, to get a sense of any damage.
- j) Barry also said that the bracing in both the southeast and southwest corners can be inspected today.
- k) Steve asked when the timber work will start. Barry responded that it will start once the concrete work is completed, mid to late March.
- 1) Steve suggested that if DEP does not give permission to leave the underground tanks in place permanently, perhaps an extension can be granted so that the tanks can stay until the next phase of construction, when the building will be dealt with.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare