



## Edgartown Wharf Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2024

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Wharf Committee was called to order at 12:00pm on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 via zoom teleconference.

### **II. ROLL CALL:**

The following persons were present:

**Members:** Steve Ewing, Scott Ellis, Chris Scott

**Advisors:** Charlie Blair, Brian Post

**Guests:** Seana Kelly, Aydinc (AJ) Guzelce, James Dolan, Glenn DeBlase, Chris Scott, Adam Darack, James Hagerty

### **III. OPEN ISSUES:**

- a) The Committee welcomed IT Manager Adam Darack. Adam said he heard the electrical conduit on site was being replaced and was present to request that an additional conduit be installed for the Wi-Fi and cameras down at the Wharf. The Committee had no objection; Adam will coordinate with the electrician on what he needs.
- b) The Committee reviewed the draft minutes from 3/1/24.  
*Motion placed on the floor by Scott to approve the 3/1/24 draft minutes. Chris seconds the motion, no further discussion, vote taken and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- c) AJ updated the Committee on the project: They have poured concrete into the pipe piles and installed bridge brackets for the forms for the cap wall. They have also mounted the cross-bracing. Divers were on site this week and will be back next Monday and Tuesday to install anodes. The jet filters were also installed this week which will continue into next week. They are planning to cut the pipe piles and install the caps next week. They will need to do 3 or 4 concrete pours for the cap wall, which will take about 3 weeks. After the concrete is poured, they will install the timber fender system. The final task of the project will be paving. AJ said the project is still on track to be completed by mid-April.
- d) The Committee discussed the underground tanks. Child's drafted a letter on behalf of Packer to send to DEP. Steve updated James on the tank situation and how removal might be detrimental to the building. The three options for the tanks at this point are to leave them in place and fill them, to remove them in the fall after the building gets stabilized, or to remove them in the future, when the building is rehabilitated. The first and third option would both require DEP approval.  
The Committee discussed the pros and cons of each option. Charlie stated that the plan has always been to remove the tanks and he feels very strongly that removal should be the only course of action. James Dolan stated that he has some concerns about the proximity of the new conduit that will be installed between the building and the existing tanks and whether the conduit will be at risk of snapping or collapsing if the tanks are

removed. He suggested the use of a rigid pipe for the new conduit, instead of PVC, to mitigate that risk.

- e) Steve stated that he received correspondence from the abutter regarding the fence the town agreed to construct to delineate their property from town property and to let the public know where that boundary is. Childs will put together a design and a plan for the fence.
- f) The Committee resumed discussed about the underground tanks. Glenn said there is no point in sending a letter to DEP requesting that they be allowed to fill the tanks if Charlie wants them removed. The Committee acknowledged that it is no longer an option to remove the tanks this spring. Charlie stated that he does not want to leave the tanks for future generations to deal with, he thinks the plan should be to remove them this fall. The Committee discussed whether the tanks could be filled with a temporary substance, like sand, instead of the permanent concrete option. If so, they can still be removed at a later date. Brian noted that per DEP regulations, clean sand is an option for filling the tanks. The Committee agreed that the tanks should be removed this fall, which will give time to properly evaluate the status of the building and stabilize it. Juliet noted that the cost of stabilizing the building needs to be considered now so that existing CPC funds can be reserved to pay for it.
- g) The Committee discussed the next site visit and decided on 3/22/24. The next meeting will be next week, 3/15.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.

Minutes submitted by: Juliet Mulinare