



Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

August 17, 2010

The Members of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority ("SSA") held their regular monthly meeting at 10:30 a.m. on August 17, 2010, in the first floor meeting room of the Oak Bluffs Public Library, located at 56R School Street, Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts. All five Board Members were in attendance: Chairman Marc N. Hanover (Martha's Vineyard); Vice Chairman Robert S. Marshall (Falmouth); Secretary John A. Tierney (New Bedford); H. Flint Ranney (Nantucket); and Robert L. O'Brien (Barnstable).

1. The SSA's Director of Engineering and Maintenance Carl R. Walker provided updated status reports on the SSA's current capital projects:
 - (a) Hyannis Slip Modifications Project – Mr. Walker reported that everything at the Hyannis terminal was operational, although the new high-speed ferry slip was only being used to load and unload passengers on the first and last trips of the day because of work that needs to be done to the passenger shelter. Mr. Walker stated that some of the construction had been unacceptable and, in addition, some material had not arrived on time; but that all of the corrective work will be finished by Thursday.
 - (b) *Eagle* Mid-Life Refurbishment Project – Mr. Walker reported that the work that was originally encompassed in this project will be divided so that all of the underwater hull items are included in the vessel's shipyard overhaul contract this coming off-season. This will allow more shipyards to bid on the contract for the mid-life refurbishment work that will be awarded next spring so that the work can begin after Thanksgiving 2011.

2. The Board approved management's recommendation that, effective November 1, 2010, the SSA charge the same rates for ambulances that it currently charges for commercial vehicles of the same length, except that the new ambulance rate will also include passage for its driver and any passengers. The new rates will be approximately twice the amount the SSA currently charges for ambulances. During the 12-month period ending June 30, 2010, the SSA transported 1,358 ambulances on the Martha's Vineyard route and 57 ambulances on the Nantucket route, or an average of almost two ambulances per day in each direction. The ambulances are also accorded preferential boarding in emergency situations (and will continue to have such preferential boarding). When this results in another vehicle with a reservation on that trip being "bumped" in order to accommodate the ambulance, the SSA refunds the one-way fare of the "bumped" vehicle and its passengers.

3. The Board awarded Contract No. 11-10 for the supply and installation of two security roll shutters at the Oak Bluffs terminal to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder for the contract, Cape Cod Retractable ScreensNshutters of Mashpee, Massachusetts, for the Total Contract Price of \$28,400. The installation of the security shutters will allow the deck and passenger walkway behind the Oak Bluffs terminal to be closed off and secured when the terminal is not in service. The contract work is expected to be completed by the end of September 2010.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board voted to go into executive session to discuss various matters appropriate for discussion in executive session, and they announced that they would not reconvene in public.

The next regular monthly meeting of the SSA's Board is currently scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, in the Discovery Room of the Nantucket Whaling Museum, located at 15 Broad Street, Nantucket, Massachusetts. The location, time and date of the meeting are all subject to change, so please look for the formal notice for the meeting that will appear on this website next month. Thank you.