

Town of Chebeague Island
Special Workshop meeting of the Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008 @7:00PM
at the Chebeague Island Recreation Center

1. Call meeting to order.

Meeting called to order at 7:11PM.

2. To have Selectmen meet and discuss with the Engineers from Gorrill & Palmer the Cousins Island Wharf project.

Scott Seaver introduced the Engineer from Gorrill & Palmer, Ralph Norwood..

Ralph stated that the goal of the project is to increase safety and accessibility. The Hammerhead turn around will have a retaining wall, new lighting and sidewalk. The retaining wall will be approximately ten (10) feet high and the road will be sixteen (16) feet wide. He advised that the hill grade will stay the same.

Mr. Norwood discussed the application that was submitted to the DEP due to wet lands and that they had been in touch with the Army Corp of Engineers. He explained that the wet lands are low impact per the DEP and he is confident that the permit will be approved.

Mr. Norwood also stated that there will be a meeting in the Town of Yarmouth on December 17th on the Shoreland Zoning permit for this project, but feels it probably will go into January of 2009.

He is hope that the project will go out to bid late winter, early spring. The project right now stands at \$800,000. If it does not go out to bid this year the money will be gone. Once Gorrill & Palmer hear from the DEP, Childs Company will move ahead.

Scott Seaver stated the issues discussed by the project's abutters that was held in Yarmouth. They were concerned about the lighting. They were advised by the Engineers that it be the style of lighting that is aimed at the ground and the post are approximately twelve (12) feet high.

Scott Seaver discussed the access by foot to the beach. He advised that the curb will be approximately six (6) to seven (7) inches high. Donna Damon asked that access to the beach should be made easy.

Scott Seaver discussed the drainage on the hill. He advised that the drainage will be in the pavement area. The Engineer stated that a swale behind the retaining wall. The wall has crushed gravel behind it and has three (3) catch basins with grates. He advised that these have clean out sumps and the Town of Yarmouth will be responsible for this.

Scott Seaver discussed the need of lighting at the end of the wharf. He discussed that we should into a light on the shed on the wharf. He advised that we could have conduit installed during the project or we could look into the possibility of a solar powered light.

Mark Dyer asked about guardrails. Mr. Norwood advised that guardrails are required. They will be horizontal rails.

Wayne Dyer asked if the cement being used is for use around and/or with salt water. Ralph advised yes.

David Hill asked about snow removal.

Mr. Norwood advised that the guardrail will be high enough so the snow will go through and under it. This will be up to the Town of Yarmouth.

David Hill asked about the snow removal on the sidewalk. Will Yarmouth plow it?

Donna Damon advised that if Yarmouth says it's not a priority people will walk in the road. She is concerned that there will be no way to use the sidewalk during the winter. Mr. Norwood advised that the Town of Chebeague needs to work with Yarmouth on this.

Scott Seaver advised that when federal money is involved when sidewalks are required. This is something that the Town, Chebeague Transportation and the Town of Yarmouth needs to discuss. David Hill advised that CTC has the equipment to take care of sidewalk, let's work on it. Donna Damon asked if the snow builds up what will happen. Scott Seaver advised that probably the Town of Yarmouth will go in with a bucket loader and remove it.

Leon Hamilton asked about the financial end of the project.

Mr. Norwood advised that it stands at approximately \$770,000. He advised that we are in a good situation. Contractors are looking for work so that could give us a better price. Mark Dyer asked if DOT prices are being used. Mr. Norwood advised, yes. He stated that Childs Engineering will handle all aspects of that.

David Hill asked what will take place while project is being done about moving people. Mr. Norwood advised that we will have special clauses built into the contract. It will get tough at times. Everyone needs to work together.

David Hill asked about the construction period. Mr. Norwood advised it will be two (2) or three (3) months due to working with the tides.

Donna Damon asked about the retaining wall and the water that is running down the hill. Mr. Norwood advised that it should improve due to the crushed rock behind the retaining wall. He advised he will have it looked at again. Donna advised that she is concerned that there are springs in the hill. Ralph advised that the drains should help this.

Donna Damon asked about the rose bushes. Mr. Norwood advised that they will be gone due to the widening of the road. David Hill asked if the property owners have asked for more vegetation? Scott Seaver advised that we will be working with the property owners on this.

Donna Damon asked if the road will be sixteen (16) feet wide with the road?

Mr. Norwood stated, yes.

Doug Damon discussed the Cape Cod berm design. He advised that this design may work better about draining and plowing of snow.

Mark Dyer asked if the retaining wall would be built out of cement blocks. Mr. Norwood advised, yes. They will be put up dry and fill with cement and rods. Mark Dyer asked if there will be fabric behind the wall? Mr. Norwood advised no, only crushed rock.

Mark Dyer asked if a yellow line will be painted down the middle of Wharf Road. Mr. Norwood advised, no.

Mark Dyer asked if the DEP and Army Corp make decisions of impact to the wet lands?

Mr. Norwood advised, yes. Mark asked if they look or take into consideration of ice. Mr. Norwood stated sometimes.

Wayne Dyer asked Leon Hamilton will this change the southwest chop to the float. Leon stated it could, looks to be more to the east.

Mark Dyer asked about the bulbs used in the new lights. Mr. Norwood advised that it will be a metered or monthly fee that will be up to the Town of Yarmouth. He advised that CMP will take care of light-bulbs.

Wayne Dyer asked about cars sitting at the wharf. Mr. Norwood advised the should be no cars sitting at the wharf. David Hill advised that cars will go down, unload and leave. Mr. Norwood advised, yes. Donna Damon advised that there will be more space to turn around. Mr. Norwood stated, yes.

Scott Seaver discussed the over the hill ordinance. Let's see how it works first. The Town of Yarmouth is more likely to take away some of the restrictions than add them.

Mark Dyer verified date of meeting as December 17th. Mr. Norwood stated, yes. Mark, if not agreed to at this meeting it will go into January 2009. Mr. Norwood advised, yes.

Mark Dyer asked at what point should a public meeting be held. Doug Damon suggested a meeting when the design is almost complete. Mark asked if we could have Any McDonald come to meeting due to knowledge of the project. Mark also suggested we invite Bill Shane.

Scott Seaver stated that unless we get held up by the Town of Yarmouth we should be able to hold a meeting mid January.

Herb Main asked to revisit timeline:

1. Waiting for DEP permit
2. Town of Yarmouth meeting on December 17th for Shoreland Zoning permit.
3. We should be close to final plan.
4. Start in February?
5. Hold a late January meeting on island.
6. Town meeting in March?
7. Construction? DOT wants us to award bid by 2010?

Scott Seaver advised that people want time frames and timelines. We will keep everyone informed.

Donna Colbeth asked that a scaled down replica of the project be presented to the public so that everyone can see how the traffic, including how the CTC bus will work. Scott advised that this can be done and will be presented at a future meeting.

Mr. Norwood advised that he will send something to Scott.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by Susan Campbell, Town Clerk.

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