

Milton Town Landing Committee, January 18, 2023

Members present: Richard Wells, Roxanne Musto, Bill Ritchie, Dick Burke, Nicholas Milano, Theodore Carroll, Josh Lee, Tim Czerwienski

Meeting called to order at 8:32.

Tim Czerwienski reported on the progress of the Neponset dredging project, with a report expected within the next few weeks. Tighe & Bond are on track with the expected timeline and are well positioned for the next funding round. Town Staff have done outreach work with Boston and Quincy to keep them in the loop on this project, and staff in those cities have been excited with the progress.

Town staff provided an update on the historic work from Childs Engineering and the current state of implementation of that engineering work. The Town no longer has a contract with Childs and will need to reengage with them to have them complete this work, should we wish to use them moving forward. Staff can reach out to Childs and get an updated number for boat ramp costs. Staff have also engaged with engineering students at UMass Dartmouth for follow up engineering work.

The Town Administrator met with the applicants that had submitted bids to discuss their below-expected rentals. In his meeting with the Neponset Rowing Club, they confirmed that they would not be able to go above their original bid amount. In his meeting with the Yacht Club, they similarly indicated a limited capacity to meet the \$10,000 minimum rental expectation. The Committee is also set to invest \$500,000 in historic preservation funds from the Community Preservation Committee into the Lock Up building, and so wants to ensure that this site sees an appropriate rental on that site. Member Burke requested clarification on the site specifics and sizes of lots, which were provided. Discussion was had on boat storage and the Town Administrator clarified that both applicants proposed off-season storage of boats in the lots. Bill Ritchie noted that we are expected to have a higher rent from maintaining the Yacht Club's current tenant-at-will status and may expect much higher rents at these sites following the preservation work at 25 Wharf and the dredging project. Roxanne Musto discussed the potential for a shorter term lease, and Chair Wells noted that the Committee would accept no less than \$8,000 per lot, and then are set to increase rents significantly following the completion of these projects and the potential existence of a water taxi, an upgraded dock, etc. If we went to a three year lease, the Committee would not allow for renewal. Members proposed a minimum \$8,000/lot for the first year, with an increase to \$10,000 by July 1, 2025. Chair Wells made a motion to allow Administrator Milano to meet with bidders to inform the bidders of this new floor (\$8,000 for first year, \$10,000 for subsequent years) with a lease from April 31 – May 31, seconded by Bill Ritchie. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting will be Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM.

Around the first week of May, Chair Wells would like to rent a water taxi for a day and run the Committee and any other elected officials along a potential route for a Boston-Quincy-Milton water taxi.

Motion to adjourn made by Roxanne Musto, seconded by bill Ritchie. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Eckart-Lee, Assistant Town Planner