

The Wharf Gazette

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- The Wharf Gazette will be published every other week or so to keep you, and other members of our two families and close friends up to date on how things are going.
- A press conference, announcing the Museum of Transportation's participation in the Wharf Project was held April 30 at Victoria Station. A large crowd of well wishers, including some of our new neighbors were present to hear Tony Cabot (MOT's new president), Mike Spock, Sue Jackson (TCM's president) and Duncan Smith give details of our exciting project (see attached Fact Sheet). We received coverage from Channels 5 and 7, the Boston Evening Globe and several weeklies.
- On April 17, the same team, joined by Jephtha Wade (TCM's secretary), Frank Gardner (retiring MOT president) and Bob Corcoran (fund raising counsel) presented the Wharf Project to Deke Smith and Fred Glimp of the Committee of the Permanent Charity Fund, Boston's largest foundation. We were well received, and were advised to submit separate proposals for consideration at their June meeting.
- An Ad Hoc Committee drawn from the executive committees of both museums has been meeting to lay out guidelines and structures for facilitating collaboration between the two museums.
- A memorandum of agreement, growing out of these discussions and designed to supplement the condominium device which will define the building's ownership, is being drawn up by John Bok (an attorney and member of TCM's Executive Committee). We'll send copies of the memorandum as soon as it is completed and approved.

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The Ad Hoc Committee has defined a number of Joint Committees (Program, Building, Real Estate, Campaign and Public Relations) that will coordinate and carry out much of the work of the Wharf Project. Details of their tasks and membership will be included in a future issue of the Gazette.

Wally Huskins, acting as attorney for both museums, and in collaboration with John Carbury (MOT) and John Bok have filed an application for a zoning variance with the City to allow for the operation of the museums and other educational and commercial functions at the Wharf. Completion of the variance (anticipated in early July) will require an additional down payment to the Wharf's owner, but also will allow us to use the property to store vehicles and house the campaign staff between then and the closing in December.

Wally, John Bok and John Hall (real estate agent, Carpenter & Co.) deserve our special thanks for contributing countless hours to the delicate task of preparing for and conducting the successful negotiations leading to our signing a purchase and sales agreement with Ray Carye.

Others who deserve our deepest gratitude for their exhaustive study of a variety of potential sites that led to our selection of the Wharf are Ben Schore (Chairman, TCM Site Committee), Chuck Redmon (architect, Cambridge Seven), Bob Corcoran (fund raising counsel), and George Cuker (member of TCM Site Committee).

April 26th, the MOT held its Annual Meeting and then paid an enthusiastic visit to the Wharf. To catch up, at 11:00, Saturday, May 31, TCM Corporation will hold a special meeting at the Wharf to answer your questions, see first-hand the beautiful interior of the building, and hear and act on a report from the Nominating Committee. Bring your families and a picnic lunch. We'll supply the beverages. Please return the enclosed card by Monday, May 19.

TCM Staff,

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