

TOWN NEWS ITEMS

Here is a news item that might be of interest:

1. The Town-owned Property Management Board met yesterday afternoon to finalize the process for leasing the Town Wharf in Five Islands for another three to five years. The three buildings on the Wharf are to be leased for the operation of a wholesale and retail seafood business, snack bar/grille, and ice cream bar.

- the first advertisement announcing the solicitation of bids will appear in the Times Record on Friday and will run several times over the next two weeks.

- the solicitation will be posted in several places around the Town

- application forms and general information can be picked up at the Town Office or downloaded from the Town web page.

- bids are due in the Town Office by 4 PM on January 10.

- bids will be opened at a public meeting at the Town Office at 7 PM on January 10.

The background material includes the following:

"The TOPMB is not required to accept the bid offering the highest rent and may reject any and all bids."

"The Board's decision will be based on the following criteria:

- amount of rental income

- proposed wholesale operations including months, hours, and products

- retail initiatives toward local and visiting patrons

- opportunities for local employment

- proven financial capacity and successful food service experience

- knowledge of the Maine seafood industry and connection to professional networks"