

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT March 2024

I want to thank the community members that attended the open session of our Board Meeting on March 20th. While we are a private non-profit organization and not subject to the Open Meetings Act, we recognize the need to keep the public informed on the progress of Cambridge Harbor. As outlined in our Mission Statement, we are "developing the Cambridge Waterfront in **partnership with the community** to create and sustainably maintain Cambridge Harbor as an inviting, accessible, active, and enjoyable place to live, work, play and visit". I also value the comments that were shared by a few in attendance. CWDI leadership is already discussing and acting on your comments.

CWDI has been the topic of conversation the past couple weeks. Unfortunately, a lot of what has been said has been either inaccurate or a mis-representation of the facts. I know many community members feel they are getting conflicting information from various sources and feel confused or unsure about what is really happening. Remember, you can always reach out to myself, Matt, or any of our board members, if you have heard something that is concerning, needs clarification, or just want to know what's going on. Fortunately, the Public Session we have been planning is coming up on April 18th! This will be in person at the Chesapeake Grove Intergenerational Center at 6pm as well as live-streamed. This is your opportunity to hear about the plans for Cambridge Harbor as well as get clarification on many of the topics that have been circulating as of late. You will also have the opportunity to submit questions. Keep an eye out for additional event information from us and the Chamber of Commerce.

We remain committed to our community-first approach to the development of Cambridge Harbor. This means providing open, free access to the waterfront for locals and visitors. To that end, we are scheduling improvements to the existing wharf and construction on Phase I of the promenade to begin this summer. We'll provide more details as they develop.

Our next Board Meeting is May 22nd at 4:00PM in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room (306 High Street). The public is welcome to attend the open session of the meeting.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, or topics you would like more information on, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself (<u>Angie.hengst@cwdimd.org</u>), Matt (<u>matt.leonard@cwdimd.org</u>), or any of the board members. We will be happy to chat with you.

Cheers,