MARCH 2010

## **BREAKING NEWS!!! WE HAVE OUR BUILDING PERMIT!!**

Dear CMMC Members and Friends,

We Charter Members and Capital Fund donors have done our work. CMMC has a lease for the Operations Building and a building permit so work can begin. CMMC has raised the funds to renovate the building to meet standards for health and safety and house our museum exhibits and education center.

Now we are turning our energies in a new direction as we prepare to open our museum to the public this summer. To realize this exciting vision, we require a new commitment from our members and friends. We are asking that you contribute to our Annual Fund that will allow the museum to flower. Here is what your contribution will make possible:

- Provide ongoing operating support for the Center.
- Keep the museum staffed with volunteers throughout the tourist season.
- Enable us to host visits by school children and special programs throughout the year.
- Hire staff as necessary to manage the work load as the activity level of the center ramps up.

Look for our Annual Fund letter that will be mailed to you in the next few weeks and help take CMMC in its new, exciting direction.

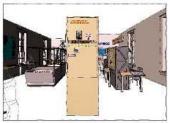
Charles Bastlett President

## LOOK FOR THE WORK IN PROGRESS SIGN!

The building permit has been issued! The work will begin soon! Watch for a Groundbreaking Celebration in the near future.

What will CMMC's future home look like? Below is an artist's rendering.





History of Communication

Artistic visualization of the entrance to CMMC Exhibits-Drawn by Wondercabinet Interpretative Design.

CMMC is ready to go with a contractor set up to begin making this vision real. Rick Roy, a long time Cape resident who grew up in Chatham, started Rick Roy Construction in 1995. He has established a reputation for building quality custom homes, remodeling, restoration, and commercial construction. Rick Roy was chosen for his experience and expertise in navigating the complexities of our project. A recent project of Rick's was recognized in 2009 with a Chatham Historic Preservation Award.

With the signing of the long term lease in March and negotiations of the CMMC "leaseholder improvements" required by the Town, a contract was signed with Rick Roy Construction of Harwich as our primary contractor. The scope of work is based on the design concept and preliminary working drawings by Caridossa, with construction documents completed by our exhibit designer, Wondercabinet Interpretive Design, Inc. (Lexington) and the Town of Chatham.

Detailed construction drawings, subcontractor selection, and the permitting process with Town boards are well underway. A building permit has been issued allowing interior demolition and rough in construction to begin in late March.

Today the building looks like this. Drive by and watch for signs of work being done.



The RCA/Marconi Operations building is gutted and ready for renovation and new exhibits.

The Town of Chatham, with support of CMMC, is in the process of obtaining necessary approvals from the regulatory boards. We have appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals, which approved our use as a Museum/Education Center and the Historical Commission, which approved our design changes to the National Register Property.

In order to begin Town Meeting approved CPA funded site work, the Town has received preliminary approval of the site plan including the parking lot and septic improvements from the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. Upon receipt of final approvals and State Highway (route 28) approval, the

Town will begin the site work in the spring.

We continue to work hard with our contractors and the Town of Chatham to insure the building and site will be ready for our August 2010 opening.

Chatham Marconi Maritime Center, Vice President Construction Project Manager, Frank Messina.

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