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Meeting to be held on Post office in Jan.

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTHWICK Cape May Star and Wave

Cape May Point – The United States Postal Service announced the date for a public meeting in January to discuss the future of operations of the Cape May Point Post Office.

The USPS has decided to look into options for the Cape May Point Post Office. This summer the agency announced its intention to put the post office on a single water source, in this case, the emergency water system. The USPS application received support from residents in the town and area of Lower Township, and the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority (LTMUA), which provides water for Middle Township, and the Lower Township resident Matt Ecker, the executive director of the LTMUA told the water provider in Lower Township, “In 1995 to 1998, the city invested $5 million in the desalination plant to ensure there was an adequate water supply.’’

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At the public meeting, the USPS will hear public comments on the LTMUA application to provide water for the post office.

By BRUCE MACLEOD Cape May City Manager

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The USPS application is a preliminary step in the USPS ongoing study of the Cape May Point Post Office. The USPS has already determined that the Cape May Point Post Office needs a new water source. The USPS hopes to have the new water system up and running by Labor Day 2013.

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Below, the Cape May Point Post Office on Yacht Avenue is one of 18,000 postal offices nationally targeted for either a reduction of hours or discontinuance. The Post Office is the social center of the borough. The current site, with nearly all of its residents visiting during the day, is also where community education is shared, such as the news about the post office.

Recruits see videos of shipmates in action.

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Above, recruits from US Coast Guard Training Center Cape May view video of their shipmates in action. The video gives the recruits an idea of what their jobs will be like. The recruits also voted on their favorite video.

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Above, the Coast Guard Training Center Cape May were given a sneak peek at the Coast Guard’s Top 10 videos of 2012 and had the opportunity to vote on their favorite video.

Fisherman’s Energy gets federal project

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Atlantic City, N.J.

Fisherman’s Energy, LLC of Cape May announced it was selected by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to receive up to $4 million in grants for a federal offshore wind demonstration project near Atlantic City.

According to Rhonda Jackson, Director of Communication and Outreach for Fisherman’s Energy, the DOE chose seven projects that will accelerate the deployment of cost-effective, innovative offshore wind technologies in the U.S. for great funding and this particular project.

Fisherman’s Energy has been working to construct a 25 MW (megawatt) wind farm of the shores of Atlantic City for the past few years and received an initial 200,000 dollar grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Jackson said a wind farm of this size would not only supply 15,000 single-family homes with power. She said the $4 million grant will be used to complete preliminary tasks such as engineering, site evaluation and other planning phases. From completion of the preliminary phases, the DOE will select up to three of the seven projects for a follow-on design, fabrication and deployment of demonstration projects operational by 2015. The selected projects will be eligible for up to an additional $147 million in grant funding. The selection is subject to Congressional appropriations. Jackson said Fisherman’s Energy hopes to have the offshore wind demonstration project completed by Labor Day 2014.

Although the project has received all of the necessary permits. Jackson said there is still an ongoing challenge with some opponents. She spoke about the state Board of Public Utilities but also assured she will pursue any malignancy in delays. She says the funding is greatly appreciated and will help the project be ready to be ready to go.

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Over the past two years, after being notified that they were not like to pick up mail at the Cape May Point Post Office because there is no parking. Some local businesses have reportedly had to close or discontinue service.

Brzuska said: “With over 600 recruits and staff members gathered in the Mac Lee Auditorium to watch the video and other Coast Guard videos, it’s a bit of a challenge to get everyone’s attention. But we did.”

In the video, Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris Wissemann, CEO of Fisherman’s Energy, said the business has been involved in the project for some time or another for many years. He said a study done by 2006 recommended using 4-5 turbines to produce energy to put on a single water source, in this case, the emergency water system. The LTMUA application received support from residents in the town and area of Lower Township.

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