



SCHOONER ERNESTINA COMMISSION (SEC)  
*Department of Conservation and Recreation*  
*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## MINUTES OF MEETING, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016, 1-3PM

PRESENT- LAURA PIRES-HESTER, KARL PASTORE, FRED STERNER, EUGENE MONTEIRO, LICY DOCANTO [PHONE], MARY ANNE MCQUILLAN, and MEAGHAN KISH. BRIAN ROTHSCHILD was absent. Due to a lack of a quorum, no voting decisions would be made at this meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 1:09pm by Chairperson Laura Pires Hester.

Updates- Laura and Fred are still in “holdover” status according to Tonia Scalcione. No further information at present. As to a prospective commissioner representing the department of education, the Commissioner of Education recommends that the person be selected from the New Bedford School System. There was no further update as to a representative from the E-M Historical Association. The definition of quorum was finally clarified. It is defined as a majority of the full body, including unfilled positions.

DCR Report- Karl had no update from DCR. Mary Anne stated that the workshop at the state pier of New Bedford contains file cabinets and records of E-M. Karl stated that an inventory needs to be made and records organized. Gene suggested that adequate security measures be taken to safeguard equipment and artifacts.

Other Items-Laura stated that a letter was recently sent to Commissioner Roy to provide an update and invitation to join us. There has been no response from him yet. Laura reported that Tom Bushy from MMA is ill and unable to join us today. It

was reported that he is ready to meet with DCR to move forward on the business of the MOU/MOA.

Nest year is the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of E-M to the US. Laura suggests we consider a celebration/fund raiser event. On another matter, Licy suggests rotation of future SEC meeting at strategic locations to promote awareness and enhance fund raising opportunities

Fred provided samples of some of the wood being used at Boothbay to restore the ship. He also provided a slide show of the current restoration stage. Gene suggested this be part of a power point presentation to be shown at future meetings at other locations in the future. Mary Anne stated that on June 28, 2016, there is a Windjammer Festival at Boothbay Shipyard, and E-M will be showcased.

Next meeting is June 10, 2016.

Submitted by Gene Monteiro