

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – 1 December 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Driscoll (Designee of Director of DCR Division of Waterways)
Terry French (Designee of John Warner, State Archivist)
Graham McKay (Marine Archaeologist)
Jonathon Patton (Designee of Brona Simon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission)
Dan Sampson (Designee of Bruce Carlisle, Director of Coastal Zone Management)
Nadia Waski (Designee of Brona Simon, State Archaeologist)
Victor Mastone, Director (Staff for the Board)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marcie Bilinski (Dive Community Representative)
Anthony Abdal-Khabir (Designee of James McGinn, Director of Environmental Law Enforcement)
Gary Murad (Dive Community Representative)

PROCEEDINGS:

The public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources was convened by the Director, Victor Mastone, at 1:30 PM on 1 December 2016 in the CZM Conference Room at 251 Causeway Street, Boston.

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes of 29 September 2016

Victor asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes of the informal public meeting held on 29 September 2016. There were no comments or corrections.

Terry French moved to accept the minutes of the informal public meeting held on 29 September 2016. Jonathan Patton seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Elections of Board Officers

Victor stated that the Board annually elects its two officers, Director and Deputy Director. Victor reminded the Board that it could nominate whoever it would like to serve as Director and Deputy Director. He suggested that the Board keep with past practice and consider nominating its staff to facilitate administration. Vic noted the position of Deputy Director had been held by Board staff as well, prior to 2008. He did not believe backfilling the Board's other staff position would happen in the foreseeable future. He noted the Board had not held a meeting when he [Victor] could not be in attendance. For 2016, Victor Mastone served as Director and Board member Kevin Mooney as Deputy Director. Victor asked the Board members for nominations and noted that Anthony Abdal-Khabir was willing to serve another term as Deputy Director.

Dan Sampson nominated Victor Mastone for the position of Director. Graham McKay seconded the nomination.

Terry French nominated Anthony Abdal-Khabir for the position of Deputy Director. Jonathan Patton seconded the nomination.

Dan Sampson moved to elect Victor Mastone as Director and Anthony Abdal-Khabir as Deputy Director of the Board for 2017. Graham McKay seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

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B. Schedule of Board Meetings for 2017

Victor proposed a continuation of the bi-monthly schedule of regular public meetings in 2017. In addition, he asked the Board to consider not scheduling meetings in June, July, and August, as it is difficult achieving a quorum in the summer months. He noted that this would not preclude the Board from holding additional public meetings if there were a need. Victor proposed scheduling meetings in 2017 for January 26, March 30, May 25, September 28, and November 30. He noted he would still reserve meeting space for the last Thursday of February, April, June, July, August, and October.

Graham McKay moved to adopt the dates of January 26, March 30, May 25, September 28, and November 30 as the Board's schedule of public meetings for 2017. Michael Driscoll seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

C. Field Investigations

Victor said continued to undertake some field investigations this Fall. Of particular note, they did some preliminary documentation of the Native American fish weir in East Bridgewater. He and Rico were assisted by Greg Lott and Dr. Calvin Mires. Rico was using this experience as part of a class assignment for the University of Guam. This information was shared with the Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL) who was preparing an updated archaeological site form for the site; PAL was conducted research on a nearby mill site.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board member reports.

4. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Bay State Council of Divers Meeting

Victor stated he attended a meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers (BSC) on the night of 30 November 2016 at the South Shore Neptunes Club House in Quincy. The meeting centered on beach access issues. The next meeting is scheduled for 14 December 2016.

B. Archaeology Month 2016/AIA-MOS Archaeology Fair

Victor reported that the Board participated in the Archaeological Institute of America/Museum of Science Archaeology Fair on Friday and Saturday, October 14th and 15th as part of Massachusetts Archaeology Month. The first day was school groups and the second day was family groups. We did our usual hands-on shipwreck activity and added a "writing underwater" activity. He noted that Calvin Mires and Laurel Seaborn of SEAMAHF will be assisting him as well as Rico Roldan, our intern, and Annika Heinold, a student volunteer from Bridgewater State University.

F. Society for Historical Archaeology's Annual Conference

Victor reported that he would be attending the Annual Conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology in Ft. Worth, TX, on January 4-8, 2017. Victor noted that he and Susan Langley of the Maryland Historical Trust have organized the Annual Government Maritime Managers' Forum representing state, federal, and foreign government programs. This year's forum is entitled *Government Maritime Managers' Forum XXV: From Dust Monkeys to Sand Hogs*. He will also be presented a paper jointly with Leland Crawford entitled: *A Preliminary Autopsy on Coffins Beach, Gloucester, Massachusetts*. He will be participating in the annual meeting of the SHA UNESCO Committee. At this time, Vic was not sure if he would be receiving agency support for this work-related travel.

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4. OLD BUSINESS

A. William Bradbury

Victor reported that Mr. William Bradbury had submitted his Reconnaissance Permit renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's Regulations. Mr. Bradbury was not in attendance to present his renewal application to the Board. Victor believed that Mr. Bradbury remains hopeful to enter into an arrangement with UMass-Amherst.

Graham asked if we should keep renewing his permit since he has not done much with it. Victor noted Mr. Bradbury was trying to engage UMass and renewing the permit does no damage to the resource. There was no further discussion.

Graham McKay moved to renew the Reconnaissance Permit No. 87-002 held by Mr. William Bradbury for his Gloucester (Annisquam) site with all standard conditions in effect. Michael Driscoll seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted

B. Joseph Dietlin

Victor reported that Joseph Dietlin had submitted his Excavation Permit renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. He noted the permittee had again submitted a very thorough renewal package. Mr. Dietlin was in attendance to present application.

Mr. Dietlin asked the Board for the opportunity to continue with this project. He noted that it was a slow year. They have gotten their boats ready and planned to work through the winter with its improved visibility and with no lobster gear in the area. Vic noted the Board had already approved his work plan. Graham asked what was their current hold-up. Mr. Dietlin responded they were now ready to go and it was dependent on the weather and perhaps a storm to uncover the site.

Dan Sampson moved to renew the Excavation Permit (00-003) held by Joseph K. Dietlin for his Salem site with all standard conditions in effect under the approved work plan, and the further condition that the permittee submit, for approval by Board staff, a detailed plan for the selection, transportation, and conservation of any objects intended to leave the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, prior to undertaking such action. Michael Driscoll seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

C. William Dupsha

Victor reported that Mr. William Dupsha had not submitted his renewal application. He recently contacted by Mr. Dupsha who explained that personal issues had taken much of his time over this past year. Mr. Dupsha requested an extension in order for him to submit his application. Victor reminded the Board that the permit area was outside the entrance to Manchester harbor. There was no further discussion.

Graham McKay moved to extend Reconnaissance Permit (15-005) to William Dupsha for his Manchester site with all standard conditions in effect. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

D. Gary Esper

Victor noted that the Board extended the expiration date for the two permits held by Mr. Esper until today's meeting. Mr. Esper had submitted his renewal applications and annual reports in conformance with the Board's regulations. Vic thanked him submitting a very thorough renewal application. Mr. Esper was in attendance to present his renewal applications.

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Mr. Esper stated he had not been out much on his sites, but rather concentrated his efforts Nick Snyder's Gloucester site where he serves as Project Director. He plans to return to his Cape Cod permit areas this winter or spring and continue surveys. Discussion turned to an isolated find found near Mr. Snyder's permit area. Vic provided Mr. Esper with copies of the photos of the object. There was no further discussion.

Michael Driscoll moved to grant renewal, retroactive to 29 September 2016, of Excavation Permit No. 12-005 held by Gary Esper for his Eastham/Wellfleet site with all standard conditions in effect, and the further condition that the permittee coordinate all field activities with the staff of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Dan Sampson seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Michael Driscoll moved to grant renewal, retroactive to 29 September 2016, of Reconnaissance Permit No. 12-006 held by Gary Esper for his Eastham site with all standard conditions in effect and the further condition that the permittee coordinate all field activities with the staff of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

E. Kenneth J. Medeiros

Victor reported the Kenneth Medeiros had submitted a Reconnaissance Permit application, but had not included his annual report. Under the Board's regulations, the application is considered incomplete. He sent an email to Mr. Medeiros regarding the missing document, but has not heard back. This permit area is off Duxbury Beach adjacent to where he found historic buttons in 1992. Victor reminded the Board that Mr. Medeiros was granted an Isolated Find permit for the buttons in 2004. He subsequently located anomalies off shore of that area. This would be a first extension. Mr. Medeiros was not present. There was no further discussion.

Michael Driscoll moved to extend, until the next meeting of the Board scheduled for 26 January 2016, the expiration date of the Reconnaissance Permit (07-003) held by Kenneth J. Medeiros for his Duxbury site with all standard conditions in effect. Dan Sampson seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

F. David S. Robinson and Associates

Victor reported that the special use permit held by David S. Robinson and Associates for the Gloucester MGP Phase II project was up for renewal at today's meeting. This permit No. 12-007 is related to coal tar remediation at the Gloucester Marine Railway. Victor reminded that Board this permit was for on-going archaeological monitoring and recording.

Graham asked how the monitoring takes place. Vic replied that Mr. Robinson is present during dredging and looks at the materials in dredge hopper. Thus far, nothing of archaeological interest has been recovered. Michael asked if they planned a follow-up dive after dredging was completed. Vic said he was have to check the scope, but he believed it was standard practice to undertake a post-dredge inspection. Graham said he was concerned because he understood they gone through several dredging contractors.

Jonathan Patton moved to renew Special Use Permit No. 12-007 issued to David S. Robinson and Associates for the Gloucester MGP Phase II Project for the area designated in the permit application with all standard and special conditions remaining in effect. Michael Driscoll seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Use Permit – Public Archaeology Laboratory – Andover

Victor reported that the Public Archaeology Laboratory had submitted a Special Use Permit application for archaeological reconnaissance and mitigation monitoring/recordation services as part of the Marland Place Dam Removal Project on the Shawsheen River in Andover. Victor noted these activities are stimulation of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) governing this project. The Board is a party to this MOA. The application met the requirements specified in the Board's regulations and that he provisionally issued the permit on 1 November 2016.

Dan Sampson moved to grant Special Use Permit No. 16-004 to Public Archaeology Laboratory for the Project for the area (as specified in the application) with all standard conditions in effect and the further condition submit its research design and methodology to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review. Graham McKay seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Terry French moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 PM. Graham McKay seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor T. Mastone
Director