



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

Minutes of 12-9-16 meeting

Attendance: SEC Commissioners Laura Pires-Hester, Karl Pastore, Brian Rothschild, Ed DePina, Jonathan Carvalho, and Gene Monteiro. Mary Anne McQuillan, Julius Britto, Jacob Miller [Montigney's office], Joe Pacheco, Chuck Smiler, Louise and Paul Anthony
Meeting called to order at 10:09am.

Minutes were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Ed and a second by Brian.

Initial discussion was on the subject of the unfilled 9th seat on the commission which is designated to the E-M Historical Association [inactive]. The consensus is that the seat ought to be changed legislatively and designated as 5th at large seat. A motion made by Jonathan and 2nd by Brian, was passed to indicate the commission's position. Steps will be taken to explore how to accomplish this.

The next discussion was on the issue of the meeting held between Commission Roy, John Bullard, and Admiral MacDonald on 12-6-16. Admiral will draft an education plan by mid-January 2017. Laura repeated to Commissioner Roy the importance for SEC to be at the discussion table. Funding sources are a primary concern of MMA if E-M is to go to MMA. The meeting held on 12-6 went well according to Julius's talk with John Bullard. Brian stated that the education plan from MMA, administrative support from the legislature, and financing are critical issues that must be addressed.

Reports from DCR

Wendy was absent but submitted her report as to financials and restoration. There were no major questions raised today.

Report from SEMA

Julius stated that thru the leadership of Mathew Stackpole, SEMA has obtained a \$375,000 matching grant from the Manton Foundation. The grant covers a 2 year period for matching purposes. At 6 month intervals, whatever is raised by SEMA will be matched by Manton.

Laura encouraged 100% participation by SEC commissioners. Gene announced that June 9, 2017 is the date for an E-M fundraising event to be held at the whaling museum, and that more info is forthcoming.

Planning for 2017 Annual Report/Business Plan

Laura asked for and received volunteer commissioners to assist with this assignment. The date for submission of the report is March 1, 2017. She will work on preparing an initial draft, Ed will work on the audit section, and Jonathan will work on the areas of management, programming, and fiscal. Karl, Brian and Julius will assist as well. Laura stated she would like to have the draft of the report before the next SEC meeting of January 20, 2017.

Other Updates

Jonathan and Mary Anne went to the State Pier to review items in stored there and it is suggested that an inventory be taken for the sake of accuracy. A motion was made by Karl and 2nd by Ed that SEC create an

inventory of items stored at State Pier and to sign off as accurate. Another motion was made by Karl and 2nd by Brian that allows the New Bedford School system to publically display some of the inventoried items. Both motions were voted upon and passed. Ed raised the question as to how often will the inventory be reviewed and what is the best location for storage. SEMA is seeking advice on this.

Public Comment

Chuck spoke about the issue concerning future usage of the vessel that addresses fundamental questions on that subject. He is willing to volunteer to participate/collaborate with any committee that may convene going forward.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm
Submitted by Gene Monteiro