
PUBLIC MEETING



SCHOONER ERNESTINA COMMISSION (SEC)

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 7, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm. By chairperson Pires-Hester. Commissioners present were Eugene Monteiro, Brian Rothschild, Karl Pastore, Licy Do Canto and Fred Sterner. Others present were Wendy Pearl, Jeanine Da Silva, Harold Burnham, Mr and Mrs Chester Brigham, Chuck Smiler, Julius Britto, Mary Anne McQuillan, Joe Pacheco, and Doug Styversant

Laura began the meeting by handing out a report containing 2015/16 annual report and 2016/17 projections. Initial discussion centered on identifying what we need to focus on going forward [see page 8 of document], especially on the subject of the yet to be established mou. She also expressed concern for the status of those commissioners who have not yet been reappointed. Laura acknowledged the very positive response from the media interviews of Chester Brigham. He and Harold will present at the Sailors Series program this evening at the Whaling Museum.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and approved [motion made by Fred, second by Licy.]

Updates and DCR report- Wendy distributed the latest progress report on the ship which included Harold's report. Report contained info as to spending. Money spent for fy16 was spent on time unlike what happened in fy15. Inventory of equipment at state pier needs to be done. Wendy and Harold will work on this. State auditors are doing an audit with December ,2015 as a start point. The audit will take 5 to 6 weeks. There focus will be on revenue and expenditures, and the status of commissioners. Currently, Karl and ? are not listed as commissioners.

Commissioners were asked to review the annual report and report any questions within a couple of days. Licy asked about the storage of the minutes and Laura stated they are available on the web site. Brian expressed concern that we lost \$10,000 in fy15. Harold said that buying material takes time and there wasn't enough time during that year. Chuck said that the money was not lost and we could reapply for it. Brian asked how are we doing as to spending. Wendy said this is not a problem at this time and that the end date for completion has flexibility. Harold explained that he insisted on having many stages to complete the many tasks at Boothbay. In other words, a task is completed fully before moving to the next job. Brian inquired as to phase 2 costs, and Wendy suggested we focus on phase 1 at this time. Harold stated that getting quality material has been difficult; seeking various lumber from Denmark, Georgia, and Vancouver, Canada. He stated that Boothbay hired David Short as the master shipwright and he has been very helpful to Harold. He is on the job every day while Harold is there several days a week. Harold is very confident with David. All work to be done is on a 100% completion basis. Gene raised the issue of boat design as it relates to tonnage. Technical explanation by Harold was satisfactory in terms of it not being an issue during phase 1, however decisions will need to be made at some point during phase 1 and according to Harold, "sooner is better than later." Licy asked Wendy to provide a deadline on the design/tonnage matter asap for the commission to consider. Chuck raised the issue of tonnage /waiver. Licy asked Harold for his recommendation as to the tonnage matter.

Laura expressed her hope as to a final mou/a document, as the document has an impact regarding aspects of phase 2. Laura spoke of where things stand at this time, and she feels the "ball is in DCR's court" and that SEC [commission] should reach out to the DCR Commissioner. She will reach out to the commissioner before the next meeting. There was much discussion about what the mou should say etc. Chuck feels it should include a business plan because 1,2, and 3 are all connected. Karl expressed the value of bringing the DCR Commissioner "up to speed." Licy recommends inviting talks with DCR, MMA,SEC, and local legislators. Laura will reach out to the parties individually by letter drafted by Licy. A motion was made By Gene and seconded by Brian that Licy will draft such letter that expresses SEC concerns as to the mou/a.

Next meeting is Friday May13, 2016, 1-3pm. Meeting adjourned at 4:09pm.

Submitted by Eugene A. Monteiro

Note: The above notes were reviewed at the June 10, 2016 meeting of the SEC. Chuck Smiler clarified what he meant when he said "the mou should include a business plan because 1,2, and 3 are all connected." The clarification is that the MOU should include a process for jointly developing a business plan. Upon making this correction, the minutes were reviewed and approved at the June 10th SEC meeting. Submitted by Eugene A. Monteiro