

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – 31 March 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marcie Bilinski (Dive Community Representative)
Alexandra Crowder (Designee of Brona Simon, State Archaeologist)
Terry French (Designee of John Warner, State Archivist)
Dan Sampson (Designee of Bruce Carlisle, Director of Coastal Zone Management)
Roger Thurlow (Designee of James McGinn, Director of Environmental Law Enforcement)
Victor Mastone, Director (Staff for the Board)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Graham McKay (Marine Archaeologist)
Kevin Mooney, Deputy Director (Designee, Director of DCR Division of Waterways)
Gary Murad (Dive Community Representative)
Jonathan Patton (Designee of Brona Simon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission)

PROCEEDINGS:

The public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources was convened by the Director, Victor Mastone at 1:35 PM on 31 March 2016 in the CZM Conference Room at 251 Causeway Street in Boston.

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes of 28 January 2016

Victor asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes of the public meeting held on 28 January 2016. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.

Marcie Bilinski moved to accept the minutes of the 28 January 2016 public meeting. Dan Sampson seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Change in the order of Business

Victor stated that as chair he would be changing the order of business at this point and move directly to Old Business.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Raymond Hayes

Victor reported that Raymond Hayes has submitted a renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Given the high quality of work and reporting detailed in the past and current renewal applications, Victor asked the Board to consider granting renewal. Mr. Hayes was not present to represent his request. There was no further discussion.

Terry French moved to grant renewal of the Reconnaissance Permit (07-001) held by Raymond A. Hayes for his Great Harbor, Woods Hole site with all standard conditions in effect. Alexandra Crowder seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

B. James M. Karos

Victor reminded the Board that James Karos had submitted his Reconnaissance Permit renewal application and Annual Report after the deadline. As a result, the Board extended the expiration date of his permit until today's meeting. He noted that Mr. Karos had again submitted a very thorough application

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and provided a very thorough verbal update at the 28 January 2016 meeting. Mr. Karos was not in attendance to represent his application. There was no further discussion.

Dan Sampson moved to grant, retroactive to 28 January 2016, renewal of Reconnaissance Permit (06-001) held by James M. Karos for his Chelsea Creek site (Chelsea/Revere/Boston) with all standard conditions remaining in effect. Marcie Bilinski seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

C. Public Archaeology Laboratory

Victor reported that the Public Archaeology Laboratory (PAL) had submitted their Special Use Permit renewal application for marine archaeological site examination as part of the Cummings Center Comprehensive Flood Mitigation Project in Beverly. A PAL representative was not in attendance to represent his application. There was no further discussion.

Alexandra Crowder moved to grant renewal of Special Use Permit No. 14-005 to the Public Archaeology Laboratory for the Cummings Center Comprehensive Flood Mitigation Project in Beverly for the area as specified in the application with all conditions in effect. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

D. David S. Robinson & Associates, Inc.

Victor reported that David S. Robinson & Associates, Inc. had their Special Use Permit renewal application for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Remediation Project. Mr. Robinson was not in attendance to represent his application. There was no further discussion.

Marcie Bilinski moved to grant renewal of Special Use Permit No. 14-001 held by David S. Robinson and Associates for the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Remediation Project for the area designated in his permit with all conditions remaining in effect. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

E. Nicholas Snyder

Victor reported the Nicholas Snyder had requested an extension of his excavation permit until the Board's next meeting on May 26. He needed additional time to complete and submit his excavation permit renewal application and annual report. Mr. Snyder was not present to represent his request. There was no further discussion.

Marcie Bilinski moved to extend the expiration date of Excavation Permit No. 11-002 held Nicholas Snyder for his Gloucester site until May 26, 2016, with all standard and special conditions remaining in effect. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

F. Underwater Discoveries Unlimited, LLC

Victor noted that with the death of Mr. Oscar Snow, Underwater Discoveries Unlimited for its Wellfleet site would not be renewing reconnaissance permit No. 96-001 for its Wellfleet permit area. This area is north of the White Squall shipwreck site.

G. Nomination of the Bark *White Squall* as an Underwater Archaeological Resources.

Victor reported that a Special Meeting was held earlier today from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM to receive verbal and written testimony regarding the nomination of the site of the *White Squall* as the Board's first underwater archaeological preserve. He stated that no one attended today's meeting to present testimony. He noted had not received any comments opposed to the designation.

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Quorum

At 1:40 PM, Marcie Bilinski had to depart the meeting. With her departure, there was no longer a quorum of Board members [less than 5 members]. The meeting continued in an informal session.

Change in the order of Business

Victor stated that as chair he would be changing the order of business at this point and move to Director's Report, Board Member Reports and Public Engagement Activities.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Field Investigation

Victor said he had recently lectured the students in Dr. Michelle Damian's Introduction to Maritime Archaeology course at Harvard University. As part of that course, Dr. Damian and her students would be participating in further field investigations of the *Ada K Damon* shipwreck at the Crane Estate in Ipswich. This fieldwork would provide them with a hands-on experience. It will be conducted on Saturday, 2 April 2016. Victor noted the site had recently become exposed and hoped to document more of the site.

B. Intern

Victor reported that MCZM would be receiving some additional uncommitted funds into their federal grant. He made a request for some of these funds and MCZM decided to allocate \$10,000 to the Board. The funds are designated for a paid intern to support the Board's work in enhancing its site files into a geo-referenced database as part of the ocean resources component of the Massachusetts Ocean Plan.

C. Professor Tatsuya Nakada

Victor reported that he met with Dr. Tatsuya Nakada of the Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology. They met on 4 March 2016. Dr. Nakada is an Associate Professor of Law. He was in the United States to discuss approaches to maritime cultural heritage legislation. Their discussion was facilitated by translation services provided by Dr. Michelle Damian of the Reischauer Institute for Japanese Studies at Harvard University. Victor said to add to Dr. Nakada's American cultural experience he took his two guests to lunch at Pizzeria Regina.

D. Area Committee

Victor reported the next meeting of the USCG's Area Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at Hingham Yacht Club. This will be followed on April 28 with a day-long Tabletop PREP Exercise also at the Hingham Yacht Club.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board member reports.

5. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Bay State Council of Divers

Victor stated he attended a meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers (BSC) on February 17 at the South Shore Neptunes Club House in Quincy. The focus of the meeting was on shoreline access issues and building awareness to this problem. To that end, they held an organizing and awareness meeting at Boston Sea Rovers on Sunday, March 6. The next BSC meeting will be on April 20. Discussion will again focus on the access issue. Dan Sampson noted the MCZM has information on

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open public access and he mentioned MCZM's Public Access Program has an on-line Coast Guide [<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/czm/program-areas/public-access-and-coast-guide/coast-guide/coast-guide-online.html>].

C. Metro West Dive Club

Victor stated he gave a lecture to the Metro West Dive Club at Marriott Courtyard in Natick on the night of February 9th. The talk is entitled: *Hidden History – Maritime Archaeology in Massachusetts*. There were 40-50 people in attendance.

D. Boston Sea Rovers Annual Underwater Clinic

Victor stated the 2016 Boston Sea Rovers Underwater Clinic was held on March 5-6. This year's venue was again the Double Tree Hotel in Danvers. The Massachusetts Environmental Trust provides space at their table for the Board's display. Vic assisted at the Division of Marine Fisheries Bay State Council of Divers tables.

E. Framingham State University Educators Course

Victor informed the Board that he gave a presentation on March 9 to a Framingham State University education course for educators/teachers. It was held at Braintree High School. The class was attended by nine elementary school teachers. The focus was on the hands-on activities the Board has used at public events.

F. North Shore High School Marine Science Symposium

Victor reported that he participated in the 4rd Annual North Shore High School Marine Sciences Symposium on March 17 at Salem State University. The symposium and workshops were organized by the Massachusetts Marine Educators Association in collaboration with Northeastern University and Salem State University. His three workshops of 15 students each were on mapping shipwreck sites. He was assisted by Dr. Naomi Riddiford who has been volunteering at the Board's office.

G. Lowell's Boat Shop

Victor reported that he gave a lecture on March 14 for Lowell's Boat Shop as part of their Winter Lecture Series. The topic was "Maritime archaeology in Massachusetts," concentrating on recent work on sites in that area. It was held at Michael's Harborside in Newburyport. There were about 50-60 people in attendance.

H. Harvard University Introduction to Maritime Archaeology Course

Victor reported he gave a lecture on March 24 on maritime archaeology to students in Dr. Michelle Damian's Introduction to Maritime Archaeology Course at Harvard University. The lecture focused on the *Ada K Damon* shipwreck site in Ipswich. The students will be participating in continued field investigation of the site on April 2.

I. Salem State University Introduction to Archaeology Course

Victor reported he and Laurel Seaborn of SEAMAH will be giving a lecture to students in Dr. Emerson Baker's Introduction to Archaeology Course at Salem State University. The topic will be on maritime archaeology with an emphasis on last summer's research on the *Ada K. Damon* site in Ipswich. The lecture will be on the late afternoon/early evening of April 12.

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J. Neighborhood Of Affordable Housing Regatta

Victor reported that he would be giving a lecture on the Battle of Chelsea Creek in East Boston on May 20. The lecture was sponsored by NOAH (Neighborhood of Affordable Housing). It was intended to kick-off their 2nd Annual Regatta. Location for the lecture is to be determined.

K. NASOH Conference

Victor reported that he is the program chair of the annual conference for the North American Society for Oceanic History. He would be attending the annual conference from May 11-15, 2016 in Portland, ME. The conference theme is "*Periculum maris spes lucri superat*: Fisheries, Trade, Defense and the North Atlantic World", but will include papers from other regions as well. This conference is a joint meeting with the North Atlantic Fisheries History Association and the Society for the History of Navy Medicine. Victor noted he will be using personal funds to attend the conference.

L. Salem State University Summer Institute - Maritime Archaeology of the North Shore

Victor reported he will again be co-leading a SSU summer institute (workshop) during the week of July 25-29, 2016 with Dr. Calvin Mires and Captain Laurel Seaborn, both of the Seafaring Education and Maritime Archaeological Heritage Program. Victor noted he will be using vacation leave. Participants will receive three undergraduate credit hours from Salem State University and a certificate from the Nautical Archaeology Society. This workshop will use one or two shipwreck sites on the North Shore with beach access. It is intended to be a starting point for training citizen scientist volunteers. Several students from last summer's field school have been assisting Victor with field investigations this past year.

Dan Sampson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 PM. Alexandra Crowder seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor T. Mastone
Director