

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES  
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – DECEMBER 5, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Jack Chapin\*** (Designee of Shaun Santos, Director of Environmental Law Enforcement)  
**Justin Malcolm\*** (Designee of Brona Simon, State Archaeologist)  
**Graham McKay\*** (Gubernatorial Appointee, Marine Archaeologist [at-large])  
**Jonathan Patton\*** (Designee of Gregory Robbins, Director of DCR Division of Waterways)  
**Daniel Sampson\*** (Designee of Alison Brizius, Director of Coastal Zone Management)  
**John Warner\*** (State Archivist)  
(\*present via remote access)

**David Robinson**, Director (Staff for the Board)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**VACANT** (Gubernatorial Appointee, Dive Community Representative [at-large])  
**Vincent Malkoski** (Gubernatorial Appointee, Dive Community Representative [organization])  
**Designee of Brona Simon** (Executive Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission)

**PROCEEDINGS:**

This hybrid-format (i.e., in-person and remote-access) public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources (the Board or BUAR) was convened by its Director, David Robinson (Dave R), at 12:31 PM on December 5, 2024 in the 9<sup>th</sup> floor large conference room at 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, in Boston, with a quorum of six (6) current members of the Board in attendance remotely, as confirmed by a roll-call.

The purpose of this public meeting was to conduct the BUAR's business that required the involvement of the full Board.

**Items on the agenda included:**

- approval of the September 26, 2024 Board meeting's minutes
- the Director's report
- Board Member reports
- a summary of the Board's Public Engagement Activities
- Old Business, and
- New Business.

Dave R explained that this meeting's hybrid format conformed with the Commonwealth's temporary provisions (effective through March 31, 2025) pertaining to the Open Meeting Law that were signed by Governor Healey on March 29, 2023. These temporary provisions allow public bodies to continue holding their meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings. Board votes taken during this hybrid-format meeting were conducted through a roll-call, as required by MGL c. 30A, ss. 18-25.

Meeting ground-rules were reviewed by Dave R, and Board members, prospective permittees, and members of the public were all welcomed to the meeting.

**1. MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of the September 26, 2024 Meeting of the Board**

Dave R asked if the Board had any comments or corrections to the draft minutes of the Board's September 26, 2024 public meeting. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.

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Daniel Sampson moved to accept the minutes of the Board's September 26, 2024 public meeting. Graham McKay seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

**2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A. Board Membership Update**

Dave R noted that the Board has three gubernatorially-appointed members that each commit to serving 3-year terms. These Board positions are:

- Marine Archaeologist (at large), held by Graham McKay since 2012;
- Diving Community Representative 1 (affiliated with and nominated by an established MA Dive Club), held by Vincent Malkoski since March 2021; and
- Diving Community Representative 2 (at large), held by Mark McClanan since September 2019.

Dave R reported that Messrs. McKay and Malkoski have re-applied to the governor's office for consideration of their reappointment and are awaiting notification. Mr. McClanan, however, informed the Board's staff on November 23, 2024 that while he found his time on the Board to be "very enjoyable and enlightening," his work-schedule made attending Board meetings challenging and he did not think it was fair to the Board that he could not commit fully, so, consequently, he would not be seeking reappointment. On behalf of the Board, Dave R acknowledged and thanked Mr. McClanan for his 5-plus years of service to the Board and the Commonwealth and wished him all the best in his future endeavors.

**B. Elections of Board Officers**

Dave R stated that the Board annually elects its two officers (Director and Deputy Director) at its final meeting of the year. Dave R reminded the Board members that they can nominate whoever they would like, and noted that the Board's past practice has been to consider and nominate its staff for these positions to facilitate administration. Prior to 2010, the Deputy Director position had been held by Board staff, as well. Backfilling this other staff position does not appear likely to happen in the foreseeable future. To date, the Board has not yet held a meeting when Dave R, or his predecessor (Victor Mastone), could not be in attendance. For 2024, David Robinson served as the Board's Director, and the Board's Deputy Director position was held by Board member, Daniel Sampson (designee of Alison Brizius, Director of CZM). Dave R noted that Mr. Sampson had expressed interest in serving another year as Deputy Director, if so nominated and voted to the position. Dave R then asked the Board for motions to nominate individuals for the Director and Deputy Director positions for the period beginning January 1 and ending December 31, 2025.

John Warner moved to nominate David Robinson for the position of Director of the Board. Graham McKay seconded. There was no further discussion. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

Jonathan Patton moved to nominate Daniel Sampson as Deputy Director of the Board. John Warner seconded. There was no further discussion. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

Dave R thanked the Board for its votes of confidence in Mr. Sampson's and his continued service to the Board and congratulated and thanked Mr. Sampson for serving again as the Board's Deputy Director.

**B. Schedule of Board Meetings for 2025**

Dave R proposed a continuation of the bi-monthly schedule of regular public meetings in 2025 and noted that this schedule does not preclude the Board from holding additional public meetings, if there is a need. In addition, he asked the Board to consider not scheduling meetings in June, July, and August, as it is difficult to achieve a quorum in the summer months. Dave R proposed scheduling meetings in 2025 for January 30, March 27, May 29, September 25, and December 4.

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Graham McKay moved to adopt the dates of January 30, March 27, May 29, September 25, and December 4 as the Board's schedule of public meetings for 2025. Daniel Sampson seconded. There was no further discussion. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

**\*\*\*Change in the Order of Business**

Due to the full agenda for the meeting, Dave R as Chair changed the order of business to move directly to the agenda's Old Business and New Business action items. These agenda items were then followed by the remainder of the Director's Report, Board Member Reports, and a summary of the Board's Public Engagement Activities since its September 26, 2024 meeting.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc. (SUP 22-003), Lowell Area Gas Modernization Project (Middlesex Canal), Lowell**

Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc.'s (or CHG) Special Use Permit (22-003) for archaeological monitoring and documentation, as well as the recovery of artifacts, prior to and during construction activities associated with the Lowell Area Gas Modernization Project area of potential effect within two canal crossing areas (in Wetland W-2 and near Wetland W-5) of the Middlesex Canal in Lowell, was up for renewal. CHG had not applied for renewal, nor had they submitted a request for an extension; however, the Board understood that project fieldwork was completed and the report would soon be forthcoming. Consequently, Dave R recommended the Board extend for a second, and final, time the permit's expiration date until the Board's next regularly-scheduled meeting. CHG's Principal Investigator on the Project, Martin Dudek, was not in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Jonathan Patton moved to grant Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc. an extension of the expiration date of their Special Use Permit (22-003) for the Lowell Area Gas Modernization Project's area of potential effect within two canal crossing areas (in Wetland W-2 and near Wetland W-5) of the Middlesex Canal in Lowell, with all standard and special conditions in effect, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. John Warner seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

**B. Gary V. Esper (REC 12-005), Wellfleet and Eastham**

Gary Esper's Reconnaissance Permit (12-005) for his Wellfleet/Eastham site was up for renewal. Mr. Esper had submitted a complete renewal application, fee payment, and annual report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Mr. Esper was in attendance via remote access to represent this permit. Mr. Esper reported that his activities in his permit area this year were limited and he was not able to get out as much as he had hoped. Mr. Esper stated that, if the Board renewed his permit, he planned to take off next July and August from work to focus on conducting remote sensing survey within this permit area using a rented Geometrics G-882 marine-magnetometer. Mr. Esper also reported that he renewed his National Park Service (NPS)/Cape Cod National Seashore (CACO) Research Permit and his US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) General Permit. The Board's staff acknowledged and thanked Mr. Esper for his diligence in complying with the requirements of his BUAR permit in notifying the Board and the NPS/CACO of his planned dates for fieldwork and in copying the Board's staff on his correspondence with the NPS/CACO and the USACE. There was no further discussion.

Daniel Sampson moved to grant Gary V. Esper renewal of his Reconnaissance Permit (12-005) for the exploration and inspection of underwater archaeological resource(s) at his Wellfleet/Eastham site with all standard and special conditions in effect, including that Mr. Esper: 1) coordinates all field activities with BUAR, NPS/CACO and the USACE, as required by his BUAR, USACE, and NPS/CACO permits; 2) that no excavation is conducted as part of this Reconnaissance Permit; and 3) that any artifacts recovered from the surface of the seafloor within the permit area are not to be removed from the Commonwealth without prior approval of the Board's staff. The duration of this permit shall be one year from the date of issuance with its new expiration date set as December 5, 2025. John Warner seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

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**C. Gary V. Esper (EXC 12-006), Eastham**

Gary V. Esper's Excavation Permit (12-006) for his Eastham site was up for renewal. Mr. Esper had submitted a complete renewal application, fee payment, and annual report, in accordance with the Board's regulations. Mr. Esper was in attendance via remote access to represent this permit. Mr. Esper reported that his activities in Excavation Permit (12-006) area in 2024 were limited and that he was not able to get out to the site as much as he had hoped. Mr. Esper stated that if the Board renewed his permit, he planned to take off next July and August from work to focus on conducting remote sensing survey within this permit area using a rented Geometrics G-882 marine-magnetometer. The Board's staff acknowledged and thanked Mr. Esper for his diligence in complying with the requirements of his BUAR permit in notifying the Board and the NPS/CACO of his planned dates for fieldwork and in copying the Board's staff on his correspondence with the NPS/CACO and the USACE. There was no further discussion.

Daniel Sampson moved to grant renewal of Gary Esper's Excavation Permit (12-006) for the exploration, excavation, and recovery of underwater archaeological resource(s) at his Eastham site with all standard and special conditions in effect, including that Mr. Esper: 1) coordinates all field activities with BUAR, NPS/CACO and the USACE, as required by his BUAR, USACE, and NPS/CACO permits; and 2) that any artifacts recovered from within the permit area are not to be removed from the Commonwealth without prior approval of the Board's staff. The duration of this permit shall be one year from the date of issuance with its new expiration date set as December 5, 2025. Graham McKay seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

**D. William Gallagher, Charles Zarba, Robert Foley, and Douglas Eaton (REC 22-008), Boston**

William Gallagher, Charles Zarba, Robert Foley, and Douglas Eaton's Reconnaissance Permit (22-008) for their Boston site was up for renewal. Mr. Gallagher had submitted a request on behalf of the group to the Board's staff asking the Board to consider granting them an extension of their permit's expiration date until the Board's next regularly-scheduled public meeting. In circumstances such as this it has been the Board's practice to grant up to two extensions of a permit's expiration date within a given permit year. This would be this permit's first extension. Messrs. Gallagher, Zarba, Foley, or Eaton were not in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

John Warner moved to grant William Gallagher, Charles Zarba, Robert Foley, and Douglas Eaton an extension of the expiration date of their Reconnaissance Permit (22-008) for their Boston site with all standard conditions in effect, until the next meeting of the Board. Jonathan Patton seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

**E. Gray & Pape, Inc. (SUP 21-006), New England Wind I OECC Project, State Waters Portions of Nantucket Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, Barnstable to Edgartown**

Gray & Pape, Inc.'s Special Use Permit (21-006) for the New England Wind I OECC Project (State waters portions of Nantucket Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, from Barnstable to Edgartown) was up for renewal. Gray & Pape, Inc.'s Maritime Services Practice Leader and Principal Investigator for the permit, Dr. Amanda Evans, submitted a complete renewal application and annual report to the Board, in accordance with the Board's regulations. Dr. Evans was in attendance to represent this permit. Dr. Evans reported that no new archaeological survey is anticipated in 2025 and that the permit was being renewed to support any data review and additional technical reporting that may be necessitated by unanticipated discoveries and the need to implement of the project's Unanticipated Discoveries Plan during the project's construction phase in the coming year. There was no further discussion.

Graham McKay moved to grant Gray & Pape, Inc. renewal of their Special Use Permit (21-006) for their New England Wind I OECC Project area located in the State waters portions of Nantucket Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, between Barnstable and Edgartown, with all standard conditions in effect, for the period of one year, with the new expiration date set as December 5, 2025. Jonathan Patton seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

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**F. North Atlantic Dive Expeditions (REC 17-004), Gloucester**

North Atlantic Dive Expeditions' (or NADE's) Reconnaissance Permit (17-004) for their Gloucester site was up for renewal. The Board's Director granted NADE an administrative extension of this permit's expiration date to July 25, 2024, due to the rescheduling of the Board's May 30, 2024 regular public meeting. This administrative extension was followed by two extension requests by NADE's Heather Knowles, which were approved unanimously by the Board at its July 25, 2024 and September 26, 2024 meetings, thereby extending the permit's expiration date to December 5, 2024. NADE submitted a complete renewal application, fee payment, and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Ms. Knowles was not in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Daniel Sampson moved to renew the North Atlantic Dive Expeditions' Reconnaissance Permit (17-004) for their Gloucester site, with all standard and special conditions in effect, for the period of one year, retroactive to the permit's original expiration date of May 30, 2024, with its new expiration date set as May 30, 2025. John Warner seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

**G. Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (SUP 21-001), Monatiquot River Restoration, Armstrong and Ames Pond Dam Removals, Hancock and Plain Streets Project, Braintree**

The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.'s (PAL) archaeological work conducted under BUAR Special Use Permit (21-001) for the construction phase-archaeological monitoring and walkover (Reconnaissance) survey of the Monatiquot River Restoration, Armstrong and Ames Pond Dam Removals, Hancock and Plain Streets Project in Braintree has been completed. PAL submitted their technical report for the project in October 2024 and has fulfilled all requirements of their permit. The project and permit are considered complete.

**H. Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (SUP 21-002), Town River Restoration-High Street Dam and Bridge Removal, Bridgewater**

PAL's Special Use Permit (21-002) for the construction phase archaeological monitoring and walkover (reconnaissance) survey of the Town River Restoration-High Street Dam and Bridge Removal Project area in Bridgewater was up for renewal. PAL's principal investigator for the project, Suzanne Cherau, submitted a request for the permit's expiration to be extended until the Board's next regularly-scheduled public meeting. The Board has previously granted up to two extensions of a permit's expiration date within a given permit year. This would be this permit's second and final extension. Ms. Cherau was not in attendance to represent this permit; however, she communicated with the Board's staff via email on October 4, 2024, to inform them that the project's fieldwork was completed and that the project's report was in production and would soon be submitted to the Board. There was no further discussion.

Jonathan Patton moved to extend the expiration date of PAL's Special Use Permit (21-002) for the Construction Phase-Archaeological Monitoring and Walkover (Reconnaissance) Survey of the Town River Restoration-High Street Dam and Bridge Removal Project area in Bridgewater, with all the standard and special conditions in effect, a second and final time, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. John Warner seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

**I. SEARCH, Inc. (SUP 23-002), Neptune Deepwater Port & Submarine Pipeline Decommissioning Project, Atlantic Ocean, Gloucester**

SEARCH, Inc.'s Special Use Permit (23-002) for the marine archaeological assessment of the Massachusetts state waters of the Atlantic Ocean off Gloucester portion of the Neptune Deepwater Port & Submarine Pipeline Decommissioning project area was up for renewal. SEARCH, Inc.'s Principal Investigator for the project, Ben Wells, submitted a request via cell-phone text for the permit's expiration to be extended a second time until the Board's next regularly-scheduled public meeting. The Board has previously granted up to two extensions of a permit's expiration date within a given permit year. This would be this permit's second and final extension. SEARCH, Inc.'s Katie Lantzas-Olsen was in attendance via remote access to represent this permit. Ms. Lantzas-Olsen stated that SEARCH, Inc. planned to apply for

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renewal of the permit to support any additional archaeological work that may be required due to unanticipated discoveries that may occur during the project's construction phase. There was no further discussion.

Daniel Sampson moved to extend for a second, and final, time the expiration date of SEARCH, Inc.'s Special Use Permit (23-002) for the marine archaeological assessment of the Massachusetts state waters of the Atlantic Ocean off Gloucester portion of the Neptune Deepwater Port & Submarine Pipeline Decommissioning project area, with all the standard and special conditions in effect, until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Graham McKay seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Cohasset Historical Society, Isolated Find Exemption Request (2024-IFE-001), Cohasset**

On October 3, 2024, the Board received an Isolated Find Exemption application from Susan Hobson-Putziger, Board Vice-President of the Cohasset Historical Society (CHS), Cohasset, requesting the transfer of title from the state to the CHS for a large, formerly wooden-stocked, wrought-iron anchor. The anchor was discovered in and recovered as an isolated find on September 11, 2024 from 30 ft of seawater off Hogshead Rock, approximately 1.1 mi north-northeast of the mouth of Cohasset Harbor. The anchor was recovered by Thomas Mulloy, a citizen scientist, recreational diver, and former long-time BUAR permittee. Mr. Mulloy was assisted in the anchor's recovery by a team of volunteers that included: Michael Lane (captain of the recovery vessel, *Time Machine*); Adam Burnham; Paul Figueiredo; and David Glancy. The Board's staff was informed of the find on September 17, 2024 by Ms. Hobson-Putziger, when she contacted the Board to request guidance in researching the date and possible origin of the anchor, hypothesized by the CHS to potentially be from the Irish "famine ship," the brig, *St. John*, which foundered and sank off the coast of Cohasset during a violent storm on October 7, 1849, tragically taking with it 123 lives.

On September 20, 2024, the Board's staff traveled to Cohasset to meet with Ms. Hobson-Putziger and Mr. Mulloy to inspect, photograph, and measure the anchor, assess its conservation needs, and discuss with the CHS their plans for conserving and curating the find. Dave R also informed the CHS of the Commonwealth's laws and regulations concerning its underwater archaeological resources and the necessity of completing an Isolated Find Exemption Application to comply with state law. The CHS agreed to submit an Isolated Find Exemption Application, and the Board's staff worked with the CHS to assist them in completing the form.

The formerly wooden-stocked, wrought-iron anchor displayed characteristics typical of a circa early-1800s, British "Longshank Admiralty Anchor." Mr. Mulloy reported that when discovered, the anchor possessed a large ring, which was lost upon recovery. Such a ring would be consistent with the use of a vegetable-fiber rope, rather than iron chain, for its cable. Prior to the Board's staff's inspection of the anchor, it had been mechanically cleaned of all its accreting corrosion, exposing the anchor's underlying, heavily-striated, wrought-iron parent-metal. This non-optimal cleaning approach left the anchor in generally poor condition. The head of the anchor's shank, through which its ring had passed, broke off the shank during recovery, but was retrieved. One of the anchor's palms was partially preserved, while the other was missing. The preserved length of the anchor's partially-intact shank measured 3.22 m long. The anchor's preserved arms measured 1.94 m across between the preserved ends of the flukes. The anchor's flukes were "spade-shaped" and were 56 cm long (with a 6-cm pea)-x-52 cm wide (the estimated complete maximum width of each fluke). The anchor's shank measured 13 cm in diameter near its head and 18 cm in diameter at its base, just above where the arms attach to the lower end of the shank. The CHS planned to desalinate the anchor's iron with a commercially available chemical cleaning agent, after which it was going to be allowed to air-dry, and then would be coated with a corrosion-inhibiting exterior paint. The anchor will be exhibited along with interpretive signage outside of the CHS's Pratt Building at 106 South Main Street in Cohasset, where it will be accessible for viewing and enjoyment by the public. Ms. Hobson-Putziger and Mr. Mulloy were in attendance to represent this isolated find exemption request. Ms. Hobson-Putziger stated that the anchor's exhibition location had changed to the location of the Cohasset Maritime Museum at 4 Elm Street in downtown Cohasset. Mr. Mulloy noted that a local quarry had donated large stones that would be used

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to support and display the anchor. Ms. Hobson-Putziger asked for BUAR's assistance in researching the possible vessel of origin for the anchor. Dave R said that he would be happy to help the CHS with that research. There was no further discussion.

Jack Chapin moved to grant the Cohasset Historical Society's request and waive the Board's jurisdiction over Isolated Find 2024-IFE-001, an iron ship's anchor, recovered in state waters 1.1 mi off Cohasset, and to relinquish all rights, title, and interest to isolated find to the Cohasset Historical Society, Cohasset. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

**B. MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, Isolated Find Exemption Request (2024-IFE-002), Concord**

On November 6, 2024, the Board received an Isolated Find Exemption application from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (or DCR) Archaeologist and BUAR Board member, Jonathn Patton, requesting the transfer of title from BUAR to DCR of a circa-1920s Boy Scouts of America (BSA) pocket-knife. The pocket-knife was found and recovered on August 25, 2024 by a free-diver snorkeling in Walden Pond in the Walden Pond State Reservation in Concord. The pocketknife was found in about 20 ft of fresh water between Long Cove and Ice Fort Cove. The Board's staff was informed of the find on August 26, 2024, when Mr. Patton contacted them via email to report the discovery and ask for advice on next steps. The Board's staff met with Mr. Patton and Walden Pond State Reservation staff to inspect, photograph, and assess the conservation needs of the pocket-knife, and to discuss options for conserving and curating the find. The pocket-knife was observed to be in very poor condition with sand, gravel, and a small cobble concreted to it and very little (if any) of its ferrous (steel) parent-metal components appearing to having survived. Instead, the shape of the pocket-knife was preserved in an accreting sand and ferric-corrosion product concretion that leached into the pocket-knife's now absent, formerly bone- or wood-covered, handle. The only well-preserved elements of the knife that were observed were the cupreous decorative shield (or escutcheon) on one of the pocket-knife's sides displaying the BSA logo, and the pocket-knife's non-ferrous metal shackle. Because of its delicate, very deteriorated condition, the Board's staff recommended that mechanical and electrochemical cleaning not be attempted, and, instead, that the artifact be desiccated in series of gradually more concentrated solvent baths, followed by consolidation and sealant with an acrylic resin, with its adhering corrosion, sand, gravel, and cobble concretion left *in-situ*. BUAR and DCR staff also discussed the possibility of using the artifact's conservation as an Eagle Scout Project for members of the local Concord Boy Scout Troop, from which would be created a Walden Pond State Reservation's visitors' center display interpreting the find and providing the history of Boy Scouts on Walden Pond. Mr. Patton was in attendance today to represent this isolated find exemption request. There was no further discussion.

With Mr. Patton recusing himself from voting, Daniel Sampson moved to grant the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Isolated Find Exemption Request 2024-IFE-002 and waive the Board's jurisdiction over Isolated Find 2024-IFE-002, a BSA pocket-knife, recovered in state waters of Walden Pond, in the Walden Pond State Reservation, Concord, and relinquish all rights, title and interest to the isolated find to the Massachusetts Division of Conservation and Recreation, Concord. John Warner seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote (with DCR's Mr. Patton recused from the vote). So voted.

**\*\*\*Change in the Order of Business**

As Chair, Dave R again changed the order of business and moved back to the Director's Report, which was then followed by the Board Member Reports, and a summary of the Board's Public Engagement Activities since its September 26, 2024 meeting.

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**2. DIRECTOR’S REPORT (continued)**

**C. Meetings**

- CZM North Shore Regional Coordinator Meeting

On October 30, 2024, the Board’s staff participated in an information-sharing remote-access meeting with Kathryn Glenn, CZM’s North Shore Regional Coordinator (RC). This meeting was part of a BUAR staff initiative Dave R started working on over a year ago to meet with all five of CZM’s RCs to forge closer working relationships with them and to move towards a more integrated and better-informed approach to BUAR’s and CZM’s collective management and decision-making regarding prioritization of adaptive management options for areas that include coastal cultural resources as part of an overall coastal management strategy. Dave R reported that, to date, he had met with three of the five CZM RCs (North Shore, Boston Harbor, and South Coastal), and that he will be scheduling meetings with the remaining two RCs (South Shore, and Cape Cod and the Islands) early next year.

- CZM North Shore Region On-Site Orientation

On November 5, 2024, the Board’s staff participated in a multi-location on-site orientation to CZM’s North Shore Region led by its RC, Kathryn Glenn.

**3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

There were no Board member reports.

**4. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

**A. BUAR Presentation at TTOR Choate Island Day**

On September 28, 2024, the Board’s staff returned to TTOR’s Choate Island in Ipswich to present the in-person talk, “The Life of the Land: Underwater Archaeology of the Choate Island area and the Challenges of Managing Coastal Archaeological Resources,” as part of TTOR’s 2024 “Choate Island Day” public engagement event.

**B. Ship Graveyard Tours, Seekonk & Providence Rivers**

On September 29 and October 5, 2024, the Board’s staff narrated tours of the Green Jacket Shoal Ship Graveyard located at the mouth of the Seekonk River. These public tours of southern New England’s largest and most historic ship graveyard have been run annually for the past seven years by the Providence River Boat Company.

**C. TTOR/BUAR “Shipwreck Scholars” MA Archaeology Month Program**

On October 12, 2024, as part of MA Archaeology Month, BUAR and TTOR partnered to deliver to the public another of the highly-successful, “Shipwreck Scholars Programs,” at the Steep Hill Beach shipwreck site of the 1875 Essex-built schooner, *Ada K. Damon*. The Shipwreck Scholars Program teaches children ages 5 to 12 about BUAR and the Commonwealth’s Underwater Archaeological Resources, and engages them in hands-on citizen science and archaeological site monitoring activities.

**D. TTOR/BUAR “Shipwreck Scholars & Beach Detectives Program” with MA Marine Educators**

On November 10, 2024, BUAR and TTOR staff returned to Steep Hill Beach to present and discuss our “Shipwreck Scholars & Beach Detectives Program” with a group of adult educators from the MA Marine Educators (MME). MME is a dynamic, grass roots organization made up of classroom teachers, informal marine educators, students, educational institutions, and others interested in marine education. MME’s goal is to develop a marine-literate society and promote awareness of the ocean world by integrating marine



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studies into existing curricula. BUAR and TTOR staff received excellent feedback and an enthusiastic response from the MME educators on the Shipwreck Scholars Program. The Board's staff looks forward to developing future partnering opportunities with MME to expand and enhance BUAR's public engagement and education mission for underserved communities within the Commonwealth.

Dave R thanked and wished a joyous and restful holiday season, and a happy and healthy new year to the Board, its permittees, and members of the public who attended the meeting, and reminded everyone that the next regularly-scheduled public meeting of the Board will be at **12:30 pm** on **Thursday, January 30, 2025**. This meeting will also be held in a hybrid format and accessible both remotely and as in-person meeting in CZM/BUAR's offices on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor at 100 Cambridge Street in Boston. Instructions for accessing the meeting remotely or in-person will be posted prior to the meeting on the Board's Public Meetings Information webpage (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/buar-public-meeting-information>). Permittees and interested members of the public are encouraged to monitor the BUAR webpage's Public Meetings Information section for other updates, meeting agendas, and meeting minutes.

Graham McKay moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 PM. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Robinson  
Director