

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
FINAL MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – September 25, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jack Chapin* (Designee of Christopher Mason, Acting Director of Environmental Law Enforcement)
Justin Malcolm* (Designee of Brona Simon, State Archaeologist)
Vincent Malkoski (Gubernatorial Appointee, Dive Community Representative [organization])
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)
Patrice Bordonaro, CZM Staff Assistant/Meeting Co-Host

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

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 September 25, 2025 in the 9th floor conference room #9128 at 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, in Boston, with a quorum of seven (7) 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 May 29, 2025 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 conforms with the Commonwealth's temporary provisions (now effective through June 30, 2027) pertaining to the Open Meeting Law that were signed by Governor Healey on March 28, 2025. 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 and CZM Staff Assistant/Meeting Co-Host, Patrice Bordonaro, Board members, permittees, prospective permittees, and members of the public were all welcomed to the meeting by Dave R. Dave R then informed the Board and the meeting's attendees of the sad news of former CZM colleague, Director of the MassBays National Estuary Program, and BUAR's Covid pandemic-era Zoom and hybrid-meeting co-host, Pam DiBona's, passing on August 10, 2025. Pam served as BUAR's remote access meetings co-host for 2.5 years and was a friend and most esteemed colleague whose sharp

mind, quick wit, passion for her work at MassBays and CZM, and kindness and generosity with her time – which was in high demand from many directions – were extraordinary. Dave R stated that Pam will be deeply missed and a moment of silence was observed by the Board in her memory.

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the May 29, 2025 Meeting of the Board

Dave R asked if the Board had any comments or corrections to the draft minutes of the Board's May 29, 2025 public meeting. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.

Vincent Malkoski moved to accept the minutes of the Board's May 29, 2025 public meeting. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

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

Due to the very 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 May 29, 2025 meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. (AHS) – Special Use Permit (24-005), Cusky Pond Dam Removal Project New Braintree

AHS's Special Use Permit (24-005) to conduct archaeological monitoring/recordation and walkover (reconnaissance) survey of drawn-down/dewatered (formerly submerged lands) work areas of the Cusky Pond Dam Removal Project, in New Braintree, was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. AHS's Principal, Meg Harper, submitted a request to the Board's staff asking the Board to consider granting AHS 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. Ms. Harper was in attendance to represent this permit. Dave R told Ms. Harper he would coordinate with her regarding the renewal application. There was no further discussion.

Daniel Sampson moved to grant AHS an extension of the expiration date of their Special Use Permit (24-005) to conduct archaeological monitoring/recordation and walkover (reconnaissance) survey of drawn-down/dewatered (formerly submerged lands) work areas of the Cusky Pond Dam Removal Project, in New Braintree, with all the standard and special conditions in effect. The duration of this permit extension shall be until the next public meeting of the Board, currently scheduled for December 4, 2025. Vincent Malkoski seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

B. AHS – Special Use Permit (24-006), Quaboag Wildlife Management Area at Salmon Brook, Brookfield

AHS's Special Use Permit (24-006) to conduct archaeological monitoring/recordation and walkover (reconnaissance) survey of drawn-down/dewatered (formerly submerged lands) work areas of the Quaboag Wildlife Management Area at Salmon Brook Project, in Brookfield, was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. AHS's Principal, Meg Harper, submitted a request to the Board's staff asking the Board to consider granting AHS 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. Ms. Harper was in attendance to represent this permit. Dave R told Ms. Harper he would coordinate with her regarding the renewal application. There was no further discussion.

Jack Chapin moved to grant AHS an extension of the expiration date of their Special Use Permit (24-006) to conduct archaeological monitoring/recordation and walkover (reconnaissance) survey of drawn-down/dewatered (formerly submerged lands) work areas of the Quaboag Wildlife Management Area at Salmon Brook Project, in Brookfield, with all the standard and special conditions in effect. The duration of this permit extension shall be until the next public meeting of the Board, currently scheduled for December 4, 2025. Vincent Malkoski seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

C. AHS – Special Use Permit (19-005), Marston Mills, Barnstable

AHS's Special Use Permit (19-005) for the Mill Pond Improvements project area at Marston Mills in Barnstable was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed by a vote of the Board. The Board had voted at its May 29, 2025 meeting to grant a second and final extension of the permit to AHS. AHS's Principal, Meg Harper, informed the Board's staff that the project in Barnstable necessitating this permit remained on hold with a date for its resumption unknown, and, consequently, AHS was opting to not renew the permit. As a result, Special Use Permit 19-005 naturally expired. Dave R informed Ms. Harper that the Board's staff would coordinate with her to ensure the requisite final documentation for this permit is submitted, so that the project can be considered complete. If the project resumes at some point in the future, AHS will apply for a new Special Use Permit at that time. There was no further discussion.

D. Gray & Pape, Inc. – Special Use Permit (17-003), Vineyard Wind I Project Area, State Waters of Nantucket Sound, Barnstable, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Yarmouth

Gray & Pape, Inc.'s Special Use Permit (17-003) for the Vineyard Wind I Project area in the state waters portion of Nantucket Sound in Barnstable, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Yarmouth, was up for renewal and was set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. Gray & Pape, Inc. submitted a complete renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Gray & Pape Inc.'s Drs. Amanda Evans and Cynthia Fadem were in attendance to represent this permit. Dr. Evans reported that all pre-construction archaeological work was complete, that the project's Final Report had been submitted for agency review and comment, and that the permit was being kept open in case it became necessary to implement and conduct additional archaeological investigation under the project's Unanticipated Discovery Plan. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant renewal to Gray & Pape, Inc. of their Special Use Permit (17-003) for the Vineyard Wind I Project area in the state waters portion of Nantucket Sound in Barnstable, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Yarmouth, with all standard and special conditions in effect for the period of one year with its new expiration date set as September 25, 2026. Jack Chapin seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

E. Gray & Pape, Inc. – Special Use Permit (21-003), Eversource Energy 5th Cable Project (now called the "Marthas Vineyard Reliability Project"), Vineyard Sound, Falmouth to Oak Bluffs

Gray & Pape, Inc.'s Special Use Permit (21-003) for their Eversource Energy 5th Cable Project (now called the "Marthas Vineyard Reliability Project") in Vineyard Sound, between Falmouth and Oak Bluffs, was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. Gray & Pape, Inc. submitted a complete renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Gray & Pape Inc.'s Drs. Amanda Evans and Cynthia Fadem were in attendance to represent this permit. Dr. Evans reported that with exception of a small amount of additional survey and an addendum report (in preparation) covering a minor expansion of the project corridor to accommodate the avoidance of a project survey-identified shipwreck, all pre-construction archaeological work was complete, the project's Final Report had been submitted for agency review and comment, and the permit was being kept open in case it became necessary to implement and conduct additional archaeological investigation under the project's Unanticipated Discovery Plan. There was no further discussion.

Justin Malcolm moved to grant renewal to Gray & Pape, Inc. of their Special Use Permit (21-003) for their Eversource Energy 5th Cable Project (now called the "Marthas Vineyard Reliability Project") in

Vineyard Sound, between Falmouth and Oak Bluffs, with all standard and special conditions in effect for the period of one year with its new expiration date set as September 25, 2026. Vincent Malkoski seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

F. Gray & Pape, Inc. – Special Use Permit (21-004), Eversource Energy #91 Replacement Cable Project, Vineyard Sound, Falmouth to Tisbury

Gray & Pape, Inc.'s Special Use Permit (21-004) for their Eversource Energy #91 Replacement Cable Project in Vineyard Sound from Falmouth to Tisbury was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. Gray & Pape, Inc. submitted a complete renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Gray & Pape, Inc.'s Drs. Amanda Evans and Cynthia Fadem were in attendance to represent this permit. Dr. Evans reported that all pre-construction archaeological work was complete, the project's Final Report had been submitted for agency review and comment, and the permit was being kept open in case it became necessary to implement and conduct additional archaeological investigation under the project's Unanticipated Discovery Plan. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant renewal to Gray & Pape, Inc. of their Special Use Permit (21-004) for their Eversource Energy #91 Replacement Cable Project in Vineyard Sound between Falmouth and Tisbury, with all standard and special conditions in effect for the period of one year with its new expiration date set as September 25, 2026. Justin Malcolm seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

G. North Atlantic Dive Expeditions – Reconnaissance Permit (17-004), Gloucester

North Atlantic Dive Expeditions' (or NADE) Reconnaissance Permit (17-004) for their Gloucester site was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. NADE's Heather Knowles submitted a written request for an extension of the NADE permit's expiration date. NADE has been an active permittee who has done significant fieldwork and public outreach for their project and has repeatedly provided high-quality, comprehensive, annual reports to the Board. 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. Knowles was not in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant an extension of the expiration date of NADE's Reconnaissance Permit (17-004) for their Gloucester site, with all standard and special conditions in effect, a second and final time, until the next scheduled meeting of the Board. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

H. R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc. – Special Use Permit (21-005), SouthCoast (formerly Mayflower) Wind Project's Mount Hope Bay Project Area (i.e., the "Brayton Point Export Cable Corridor [ECC]"), Fall River, Somerset, and Swansea

R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.'s (RCG&A) Special Use Permit (21-005) for the state waters portion of the SouthCoast Wind (formerly Mayflower) Project's Mount Hope Bay Area (i.e., the "Brayton Point Export Cable Corridor [ECC]") project area, in Fall River, Somerset, and Swansea, was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. RCG&A submitted a complete renewal application and an annual report, in accordance with the Board's regulations. RCG&A's Steve Schmidt was in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant renewal to RCG&A of Special Use Permit (21-005) for the state waters portion of the SouthCoast Wind (formerly Mayflower) Project's Mount Hope Bay Area (i.e., the "Brayton Point Export Cable Corridor [ECC]") project area, in Fall River, Somerset, and Swansea, with all standard and special conditions in effect for the period of one year with its new expiration date set as September 25, 2026. Justin Malcolm seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

I. RCG&A – Special Use Permit (24-003 [formerly 22-002]), Massachusetts State Waters Portion of the Vineyard Northeast Project OECC, Buzzards Bay, and North Atlantic Ocean, Extending to Westport

RCGA's Special Use Permit (24-003 [formerly 22-002]) for the Massachusetts state waters portion of the Vineyard Northeast Project OECC, in Buzzards Bay and the North Atlantic Ocean, extending to Westport, was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. RCG&A submitted a complete renewal application and annual report in accordance with the Board's regulations. RCG&A's Steve Schmidt was in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant renewal to RCG&A of Special Use Permit (24-003) for the Massachusetts state waters portion of the Vineyard Northeast Project OECC, in Buzzards Bay and the North Atlantic Ocean, extending to Westport, with all standard and special conditions in effect for the period of one year with its new expiration date set as September 25, 2026. Justin Malcolm seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

J. SEARCH, Inc. – Special Use Permit (24-004), Massachusetts State Waters Portion of the Bay State Wind Export Cable Project, Mount Hope Bay and the Taunton River, Somerset

SEARCH, Inc.'s Special Use Permit 24-004 for conducting archaeological survey activities in the Massachusetts State Waters Portion of the Bay State Wind Export Cable Project, Mount Hope Bay and the Taunton River, Somerset, was up for renewal and set to expire unless renewed or extended by a vote of the Board. SEARCH, Inc. submitted a complete renewal application and annual report in accordance with the Board's regulations. SEARCH, Inc.'s Ben Wells was in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant renewal to SEARCH, Inc. of Special Use Permit (24-004) to conduct archaeological survey activities to identify submerged cultural resources within the Massachusetts state waters portion of the Bay State Wind Export Cable Project, in Mount Hope Bay and the Taunton River, Somerset, with all the standard and special conditions in effect, for the period of one year from today with its expiration now set for September 25, 2026. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. (PAL) – Special Use Permit (25-001), Larkin Mill Dam Removal/Parker River Restoration, Construction Phase Archaeological Monitoring and Walkover (reconnaissance) Survey, Newbury

On July 17, 2025, PAL submitted a complete Special Use Permit application to the Board to conduct construction-phase archaeological monitoring and walkover (reconnaissance) survey within the pond/river drawdown portion of the Larkin Mill Dam Removal/Parker River Restoration Project in Newbury. This monitoring and survey is to be conducted during the construction contractor's dam removal excavations and sediment dredging work, and in the dewatered pond impoundment and upstream river areas, following removal of the Larkin Dam and USGS Gage Weir structures, as detailed in the technical proposal and maps that accompanied PAL's application. On July 30, 2025, a letter was sent to PAL confirming that the Board's Director had reviewed and approved their application, and had issued PAL Provisional Special Use Permit (25-001). PAL's Suzanne Cherau was not in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Justin Malcolm moved to grant to PAL Special Use Permit (25-001) to conduct construction-phase archaeological monitoring and walkover (reconnaissance) survey within the pond/river drawdown portion

of the Larkin Mill Dam Removal/Parker River Restoration Project in Newbury, with all the standard and special conditions in effect, for the period of one year with its expiration set for September 25, 2026. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

B. PAL – Special Use Permit (25-002), Jenney Pond Fish Bypass Channel, Dam Repairs, and Site Improvements Project, Construction Phase Archaeological Monitoring/Unanticipated Discovery Response, Plymouth

On August 20, 2025, PAL submitted a complete Special Use Permit application to the Board to conduct construction-phase archaeological monitoring and unanticipated discovery response within the Jenney Pond Fish Bypass Channel, Dam Repairs, and Site Improvements Project in Plymouth. This archaeological monitoring/unanticipated discovery response is to be conducted, as needed, during the construction contractor's excavations, as detailed in the technical proposal and maps accompanying PAL's application. On August 25, 2025, a letter was sent to PAL confirming that the Board's Director had reviewed and approved their application and had issued PAL Provisional Special Use Permit (25-002). PAL's Suzanne Cherau was not in attendance to represent this permit. There was no further discussion.

Justin Malcolm moved to grant to PAL Special Use Permit (25-002) to conduct construction-phase archaeological monitoring and unanticipated discovery response (as needed) within the Jenney Pond Fish Bypass Channel, Dam Repairs, and Site Improvements Project in Plymouth, with all the standard and special conditions in effect, for the period of one year with its expiration set for September 25, 2026. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

C. Charles Zarba – Isolated Find Exemption Request (2025-IFE-002), Hull

On September 15, 2025, the Board received an Isolated Find Exemption application from current BUAR Permittee, Charles Zarba, requesting the transfer of title from BUAR to Mr. Zarba for a circa-early twentieth-century brass gauge-housing. The housing was found by Mr. Zarba while he was scuba diving on Harding's Ledge off of Hull on July 13, 2025. Mr. Zarba reported that the housing was found alone on a mostly sandy seabed interspersed with medium to very large rocks and exposed ledge in about 15 feet of seawater. The housing is circular in shape with an open face, a circular flanged back with fastening holes, and a machined circular hole in its base. The housing measures approximately 7-5/8 inches in diameter across its flanged back and is approximately 3 inches wide/tall. The housing weighs approximately 2.5 pounds. Mr. Zarba has subjected the isolated find to fresh water rinses to remove soluble chlorides absorbed from the seawater where it was found. Mr. Zarba plans to exhibit the find in his home. The Board's staff was informed of the find on September 10, 2025, when Mr. Zarba contacted them by phone to report the discovery and ask for advice on next steps. The Board's staff discussed with Mr. Zarba 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 Board's staff advised Mr. Zarba to submit a BUAR Isolated Find Exemption Request application for the Board's consideration and vote. Mr. Zarba was in attendance to represent this isolated find exemption request. Mr. Zarba thanked the Board's staff for their advice and assistance in preparing the isolated find exemption request form. There was no further discussion.

Vincent Malkoski moved to grant Charles Zarba an isolated find exemption and waive the Board's jurisdiction over Isolated Find 2025-IFE-002, a brass gauge housing, recovered in state waters off Hull, and to relinquish all rights, title, and interest to this isolated find to Charles Zarba. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

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

Dave R, as Chair, changed the order of business, again, and moved back to the Director's Report, followed by the Board Member Reports, and a summary of the Board's Public Engagement Activities since its May 29, 2025 meeting.

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dave R reported that accomplishments and activities during what is typically a very busy period for the Board's staff were lighter than usual as a result of his unplanned absence from work for much of the time between the end of June through August due to the terminal illness and passing of his step-father and his own extended period of illness.

A. Fieldwork

- **Conomo Point Shipwreck, Essex**

On September 11, 2025, the Board's staff was joined by long-time BUAR volunteers, Maura and David Alger, in conducting a field-inspection and condition assessment of the Conomo Point shipwreck site in Essex. The Board's staff had last visited the site on May 28, 2025. During that visit in May, signage was installed on-site informing the public of the shipwreck's significance, its approximate age, its fragility, and its ownership by the Commonwealth, and cautioning the public of the potential penalties associated with breaking state laws by disturbing the site. The purpose of the September 11, 2025 inspection was to see if this signage had survived three months of submergence, erosion, and heavy visitation by summer boaters and mud-flat walkers who frequent the area, and to assess changes to the site from natural and anthropogenic agents. These inspections are part of BUAR's ongoing monitoring, documentation, and active management of the site as it becomes increasingly exposed by erosion caused by a westward shift in Walker's Creek's main channel.

The September 11, 2025 inspection revealed that the channel has migrated further west at the wreck site and that there has been significant new erosion of sediments inside the wreck and on its starboard (landward) side, thus exposing a lodging knee, deck-beams, chain-plate chain, and part of the broken-off upper starboard side of the hull. Based on the progression of the erosion that the Board's staff has observed on-site since it was first reported to BUAR in March 2022, it is likely that this wreck will experience the same site formation processes that were seen in the nearby Essex Bay wreck site – that is, the westward migration of an adjacent channel over the site that erodes all of the sediments that the wreck is currently embedded within causes the shipwreck site to become completely subtidal.

- **Research Update, Chelsea Creek Shipwreck, Revere**

In the Director's Report of the Board's May 29, 2025 meeting, Dave R reported that the Board's staff had sent on May 21, 2025 a wood sample recovered from a floor timber of the Chelsea Creek shipwreck to Beta Analytic, Inc., in Miami, FL for decontamination treatment and AMS radiocarbon dating. This dating was to be done as part of an ongoing collaborative research project between BUAR staff and a group of citizen scientists led by retired *Boston Globe* reporter, Stephen Kurkjian. The sample was being dated as part of BUAR's effort to determine whether or not the wreck could be that of HMS *Diana*, the first enemy vessel sunk during the 1775 American Revolutionary War "Battle of Chelsea Creek." Funding for this dating was generously provided by Mr. Kurkjian and his associates. Unfortunately, the sample that was sent to Beta Analytic, Inc., in May was lost in transit. A second sample was recovered and sent on August 22, 2025 by the Board's staff to Beta Analytic, Inc. This sample was received by Beta Analytic, Inc. on August 30, 2025. The Board is awaiting for the results, which are expected in early October 2025.

B. Meetings

None.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member, Graham McKay, reported that on September 11, 2025, he and Essex shipwright, Harold Burnham, conducted a field inspection and photo-documentation of the *Ingomar* shipwreck located on Plum

Island. Mr. McKay reported that due to the passing of Hurricane Erin, the wreck was the most exposed he had ever seen it in the half-a-dozen times over the past 15 years that it has been uncovered. The wreck is broken into three parts. Knight heads, forward hawse-pipes, port side hull planking, the tips of a windlass, the rudder-post, and starboard side transom were all visible on-site. Mr. Graham noted that *Ingomar's* planking had the appearance of being sand-blasted from the site's eroding and shifting sands.

4. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. BUAR Free Public Lecture, Cohasset Historical Society's Summer 2025 Marine Speaker Series, Cohasset

On June 5, 2025, the Board's staff presented the free public lecture, "An Uncommon Wealth: Massachusetts's Underwater Archaeological Resources," as part of the Cohasset Historical Society's Summer 2025 Marine Speaker Series, Cohasset. Results from BUAR and CZM's NOAA-funded Project of Special Merit were presented for Cohasset residents' consideration. The talk was well-attended and there were many excellent questions from the audience.

B. BUAR Free Public Lecture, Monson Free Library World Ocean Day Celebration, Monson

On June 7, 2025, the Board's staff presented an inland waters-inclusive version of "An Uncommon Wealth: Underwater Archaeology in Massachusetts," as part of the Monson Free Library's World Ocean Day celebration in Monson. Attendance was light, but the audience that attended was engaged and interested.

C. BUAR Free Site-Tour and Public Lecture, Bold Point Park and Tockwotten-by-the Waterfront, East Providence, RI

On September 15, 2025, the Board's staff served as an on-site tour-guide and invited guest-speaker to present a free public program on southern New England's largest ship graveyard site. The site is located off the coast of East Providence, RI, in what was once part of MA, until the border dispute between RI and MA was settled in 1861-1862. The tour and talk were co-sponsored by the East Providence Historical Society and the Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse. Both elements of this public program were well-attended with over 100 people participating.

D. BUAR Free Public Presentation, City of Quincy Open Heritage Day, Quincy

On Saturday, September 27, 2025, from 10:30 to 11:30 AM and 1:30 to 2:30 PM, the Board's staff will be giving two free public presentations at the William F. Ryan Boathouse & Sailing Facility in Quincy. The presentations will introduce the public to BUAR and provide a summary of BUAR and CZM's recently completed NOAA Project of Special Merit. These presentations are being given as part of Quincy's inaugural "Open Heritage Day," which this year celebrates the city's 400th anniversary. This event offers free access to historic sites, including the *USS Salem* warship, the Adams National Historical Park, and various historic homes and museums, with over 30 sites offering tours, programs, and living history demonstrations. Details about the schedule and participating locations may be found at: [Quincy400.com](https://quincy400.com).

Dave R thanked 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, December 4, 2025**. This next meeting will also be held in a hybrid format and accessible both remotely and as an in-person meeting in CZM/BUAR's offices on the 9th 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 were encouraged to monitor the BUAR webpage's Public Meetings Information section for other updates, meeting agendas, and meeting minutes.

Vincent Malksoki moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 PM. Daniel Sampson seconded. Unanimous in favor by a roll-call vote. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,
David S. Robinson
Director