



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

Minutes of SEC meeting of 2-24-17

Attendance: SEC Commissioners Laura Pires-Hester, Brian Rothschild, Dagny Ashley, Karl Pastore, and Eugene Monteiro: Licy Do Canto was on the phone. Wendy Pearle, Mary Anne McQuillan, Fred Sterner, Julius Britto, Audra Riding Jacob [of Sen Montigny's office], Frank Moniz and Charlie Kenney of the dept. of infrastructure for New Bedford

Due to the lack of quorum until 10:55am [Karl Pastore arrived at that time], the initial discussion was informal on the subject of the yellow pine that former Mayor Scott Lang had designated for E-M in 2007. Frank and Charlie gave their thoughts on what they believed happened to the wood, some of which went to a private citizen and some that went to a saw mill. Mary Anne gave a summary of her understanding of the events, beginning with the city donating the wood for Ernestina-Morrissey. Laura, Brian, Dagny, and Wendy each weighed in on the subject. Their thoughts ranged from reimbursement for the wood, determination whether it was stolen or not, to whether we can retrieve what's left. Audra urged caution and due diligence and Licy felt that further inquiry was needed. Gene will assist Mary Anne and Julius in gathering further information and report back to SEC.

The next discussion was led by Wendy who provided the update from DCR. She stated that the frame replacement work has been completed and that work involving the deck will begin in the Spring with an increase in personnel doing the work. Harold continues to be involved with the Coast Guard on the tonnage waiver issue. He will be at the next SEC meeting on March 10, 2017. He continues to work on the draft of the preservation plan for phase 2, and that should be complete in early March 2017. There is also the need to complete the inventory at State Pier in New Bedford. Following Wendy's presentation, Laura asked the commission for comment/approval of Wendy's report as it relates to the annual report. There was no comment of disapproval.

At 10:55 AM Karl Pastore arrived and there is now a quorum to have a formal meeting. Wendy continued her report. She said that per Harold, the original cabin top of E-M will not be used as it once was, but the actual wood will be reused within the boat.

Laura asked for a motion to submit the Business Plan along with Wendy's report of today in accordance with SEC's mandated obligation. Motion made by Karl Pastore and 2nd by Brian to submit the prepared annual Business Plan. Motion passed unanimously. Julius offered praise and congratulations for the good work and efforts by the Commission in preparing the report.

A 2nd motion was made by Dagny to approve the minutes of the 12-6-16 meeting, seconded by Brian. Passed

SEMA Report- Julius spoke of sema having a presence at the Tall Ships Event in Boston from June 17 to 20. They are seeking volunteers to help with fundraising activities. Karl indicated that DCR is also involved with the event.

Gene stated that the E-M fundraising event at the whaling museum on June 9 from 7pm-10pm is moving along as to planning and that a save the date notice is going out immediately.

Upcoming meeting with MMA on 3-9-17

Among the important issues are the following; who is in charge of the vessel? and future funding sources. Laura asked the commission to state any issues that are non-negotiable. Nobody said anything that could be labeled a deal breaker. Several ideas were mentioned as to summer programming possibilities such as partnering with Bridgewater State University, or Sea Lab and perhaps other considerations outside of southeastern Massachusetts etc.

Audra Riding of Montigny's office reminded that legislatively New Bedford is the home port for E-M, and that the senator is inviting his participation if any legislative changes are being considered.

Brian agreed to chair a nominating committee and present a slate of officers to be voted upon at the March 10 meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:03pm

Submitted by Acting Secretary

Eugene Monteiro

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