

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – 31 JANUARY 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marcie Bilinski (Dive Community Representative)
Marc Carullo (Designee of Bruce Carlisle, Director of Coastal Zone Management)
Jack Chapin (Designee of Aaron Gross, Director of Environmental Law Enforcement)
Kevin Mooney, Deputy Director (Designee, Director of DCR Division of Waterways)
Jonathan Patton (Designee of Brona Simon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission)
Victor Mastone, Director (Staff for the Board)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Terry French (Designee of John Warner, State Archivist)
Lenny Loparto (Designee of Brona Simon, State Archaeologist)
Graham McKay (Marine Archaeologist)
Gary Murad (Dive Community Representative)

PROCEEDINGS:

The public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources was convened by the Director, Victor Mastone at 1:45 PM on 31 January 2013 in the CZM Conference Room at 251 Causeway Street in Boston.

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes 29 November 2012

Victor asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes of the public meeting held on 29 November 2012. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.

Marcie Bilinski moved to accept the minutes of the 29 November 2012 public meeting. Jack Chapin seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Change the Order of Business

Victor said he was changing the order of business and start with Old Business to insure all action items were completed first.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. James M. Karos

Victor reported that James Karos had submitted his Reconnaissance Permit renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. He noted that Mr. Karos had again submitted a very thorough application. Mr. Karos was in attendance to represent his application.

Mr. Karos said he started to create a photo-mosaic of the middle shipwreck on the mud flat. He showed a partial completed mosaic. Jim asked Victor if he knew what it might be. Victor said he recalled that it was a very tubby wreck and he did not see any evidence from the aerial photo that it had an engine. Jim said both ends were curved at their ends. Victor said he thought they were floors. Jim noted the overall dimensions were 60 feet long by 26 feet wide. Victor noted that site was not as visible when he visited site more than 10 years ago. Jim noted that was a lot of maritime activity on this portion of the creek. Richard Green's shipyard was on the opposite shore.

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

B. Bassings Cove Maritime Association

Victor reported that Bassings Cove Maritime Association (BCMA) had submitted its Excavation Permit renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. He noted they had again submitted a very thorough application. No one was in attendance to represent the permittee. Victor said the work plan remains the same as the past year. There was no further discussion.

Jack Chapin moved to grant renewal of the Excavation Permit (91-001) held by Bassings Cove Maritime Association for its Scituate site with all standard conditions remaining in effect and the additional condition that the permittee submit for Board approval a site assessment and detailed scope of work prepared by the project archaeologist prior to undertaking any site excavation activities relative to the removal of the main conglomerate. Kevin Mooney seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

C. Neil Good

Victor reported that Neil Good had submitted his Reconnaissance Permit renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. No one was in attendance to represent the permittee. Victor noted he had spoken with Bernie Gallagher, who is helping Neil. They were considering hiring someone to undertake a magnetometer survey.

Victor requested the Board renew the permit effective today rather than retroactive to its original expiration. He said he was making this request to more evenly distribute action items throughout the year. There was no further discussion.

Kevin Mooney moved to renew, effective today, the Reconnaissance Permit (00-002) held by Neil Good for his East Falmouth/Mashpee site with all standard conditions in effect and the further condition that the permittee coordinate his activities with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) staff at the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, maintain regular communication with the DCR archaeologist, DCR Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Program, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Mashpee Tribal Council and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). Marcie Bilinski seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted

D. Harry Noyes and Gary Gianotti

Victor reported the Board had finally received the Reconnaissance Permit renewal application, and annual report or renewal in accordance with the Board's regulations. He had notified both parties had personal issues. Mr. Gianotti seemed to be plagued by every coastal storm and Mr. Noyes has been ill. The cannon remains in conversation at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Neither party was present at today's meeting.

Victor requested the Board renew the permit effective today rather than retroactive to its original expiration. He said he was making this request to more evenly distribute action items throughout the year. There was no further discussion.

Kevin Mooney moved to grant renewal, effective today, of Reconnaissance Permit No. 10-007 held by Harry Noyes and Gary Gianotti for their Marblehead site with all standard conditions remaining in effect and the additional condition that the permittee obtain the approval of the Board's staff prior to removing the cannon from the custody of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. Jack Chapin seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

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3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. U.S. Coast Guard Collaborative Research

Victor noted he and the Board are part of the U.S. Revenue Cutter *Bear* Search Team. In December, he participated in a conference call with Parks Canada to discuss the project. The wreck site is located in Canadian Waters.

B. Society for Historical Archaeology

Victor reported that that he did not attend the Society for Historical Archaeology's 44th Annual Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology held on January 9-12 in Leicester, UK. However, he and Susan Langley of the Maryland Historical Trust had organized the Annual Government Maritime Managers' Forum representing state, federal, and foreign government programs. This year's forum was entitled *Government Maritime Managers' Forum XXI: Into the Wind's Eye*. In their absence, Connie Kelleher of Ireland's National Monument Service and Ian Oxley of English Heritage chaired the meeting.

C. USCG Area Committee (Oil Spill Response) Meeting

Victor reported that that he attended the meeting of the USCG Area Committee on Oil Spill Response on January 23. He noted that Board members, Jonathan Patton, and Gary Duncan are also members representing their respective agencies, MHC and MEP. Jonathan gave a presentation on the Section 106 Process. Victor gave a presentation entitled "Underwater Archaeology 101".

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board member reports.

4. OUTREACH

A. Bay State Council of Divers

Victor stated he attended a meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers on December 5. He would be attending the meeting on February 27 at the South Shore Neptunes Club House in Quincy. Discussion has centered on the Treasure Hunt event and getting more involvement of the dive community in Board activities.

B. Fall River Marine Museum

Victor stated we gave a presentation on the Board's to the on Thursday, January 17 at 7 PM at the Marine Museum in Fall River. The topic was Massachusetts Submerged History. He noted that on the opposite shore of the Taunton River across from the museum was a shipwreck, *City of Taunton*, which has been proposed to be used as a training site. The model of ship and the ship plans are at the museum.

C. Boston SCUBA Show

Victor reported that The Boston SCUBA Show would be held on Saturday, February 23, at the Marlboro Holiday Inn from 10 AM – 3 PM. There is free parking. Victor distributed a flyer to Board members.

D. Boston Sea Rovers Annual Underwater Clinic

Victor informed the Board that the 2012 Boston Sea Rovers Underwater Clinic would be held on March 8-10. This year's venue will be held at the Double Tree Hotel (formerly Coco Key Resort) in Danvers, same as last two years, which featured improved exhibitor space and free parking.

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E. Beneath the Sea

Marcie Bilinski noted that the annual Beneath the Sea Conference would be on March 22–24 at the Meadowlands in Seacaucus, NJ. She was planning to attend the conference.

Marcie Bilinski moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 PM. Jack Chapin seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor T. Mastone
Director