

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – 31 MAY 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Bell (Designee of Brona Simon, Acting Executive Director of the Massachusetts
Brendan Foley (Marine Archaeologist)
Terry French (Designee of John Warner, State Archivist)
Lenny Loparto (Designee of Brona Simon, State Archaeologist)
Martha King (Director of DCR Division of Waterways)
Dan Sampson (Designee of Bruce Carlisle, Acting Director of Coastal Zone Management)
Victor Mastone, Director (Staff for the Board)
David Trubey, Deputy Director (Staff for the Board)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathleen Dolan (Designee of James Hanlon, Director of Environmental Law Enforcement)
Marcie Bilinski (Dive Community Representative)
John Hoagland (Dive Community Representative)

PROCEEDINGS:

The public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources was convened by the Director, Victor Mastone, at 1:36 PM on 31 May 2007 in the CZM Conference Room at 251 Causeway Street, Boston.

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes of 29 March 2007

Victor asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes of the public meeting held on 29 March 2007. There were no comments or corrections.

Terry French moved to accept the minutes of the public meeting held on 29 March 2007. Martha King seconded. 5 votes in favor. 1 abstention (Ed Bell). So voted.

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Victor introduced Dan Sampson to the Board. Dan was sitting in for Joseph Pelczarski as the designee of the Director of Coastal Zone Management.

A. Out of the Blue

Victor reported that the book *Out of the Blue: Public Interpretation of Maritime Cultural Resources* has just been released and includes a chapter written by him and David Trubey. Ed Bell stated that he read the book and thought it was very informative.

B. Graham McKay

Victor reported that Graham McKay, a graduate student at the University of Bristol (UK) would be the Board's intern this summer. He is from Amesbury and will be investigating the shipwreck site on the Merrimack River reportedly the remains of the *LV-1* as part of his master's thesis project.

C. USCG Collaborative Project

Victor reported that the Minots Ledge Lighthouse Archaeological Survey Project will be moving forward next month. Earlier in May, the Board, in collaboration with the Coast Guard and the University of Massachusetts-Boston, conducted a remote sensing survey of Minots Ledge. The survey indicated that there are structural remains along the

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ledge that are likely related to the original lighthouse. Research has suggested that some salvage was conducted after the original lighthouse collapsed. However, there is not documentation of this work. The Coast Guard has assembled an extensive team including the Board, the Coast Guard Historian's Office and divers from the Coast Guard's New York District, and remote sensing specialists from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. The team will be in the field in June to investigate the area around the ledge and will be working from the Coast Guard vessel *Abbie Burgess*. Assistance with the project will also be provided by NOAA, the Coast Guard research and development group, the Coast Guard Boston District and the Massachusetts Environmental Police (MEP). He noted that the remote sensing survey in May was conducted from the MEP patrol vessel *Jesse* and that the MEP would be providing vessels for diver security and emergency transports. Victor stated that the Coast Guard is viewing this project as an opportunity to provide interagency training and possibly expand the National Register status of the current lighthouse site to include the remains of the original tower.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board member reports.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: OUTREACH

A. Conference on New England Archaeology

Victor reported that he and David attended the 27th Annual Conference on New England Archaeology on April 21st in Old Sturbridge Village. The theme of the meeting was the "Rules of Engagement," and highlighted how archaeologists engage a variety of public constituencies in their work. Victor presented the Board's Shoreline Heritage Identification Initiative (SHIPS). The conference was fairly well attended.

B. Francis T. Bresnahan Elementary School

Victor reported that he and David gave a presentation to students at the Francis T. Bresnahan Elementary School in Newburyport of April 27th. The presentation focused on marine archaeology as a profession and included a number of artifacts and equipment that the children were encouraged to examine. Several hundred students participated in the program. Victor noted that the invitation for this presentation originated through a contact he made at the Board's Archaeology Month event in October.

C. NASOH Conference

Victor reported that he attended the Annual Conference of the North American Society of Oceanic History (NASOH) at Kings Point, New York from May 16-19, 2007. He noted that he was re-elected as one of the vice presidents of the organization. He is the Program Co-Chair for the 2008 Conference in Pensacola (FL) and the 2009 Conference in Vallejo (CA).

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Gary V. Esper and Alexander G. Bezkorovainy

Victor reported the Mr. Esper and Mr. Bezkorovainy have requested a modification of their current permit from reconnaissance to excavation. They have submitted a complete application in accordance with the Board's regulations and have recently secured the services of marine archaeologist, Robert Cembrola. Mr. Esper and Mr. Bezkorovainy were in attendance to present their application.

Mr. Esper reported that he and his team have found what they believe is part of a hull of which they have taken numerous photographs. They would like to use a water jet to excavate a limited number of test pits to determine the extent of the structural remains and assist in their identification. Victor asked Mr. Esper to describe the size of the test pits. Mr. Esper replied that they would like to excavate within a one hundred by one hundred foot square area, but only

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around the timbers where the sand is deep. Mr. Bezkorovainy added that this particular area is large and flat with concentrations of wood at various intervals. The excavation of test pits would allow them to see what, if anything lies between these deposits and where the deposition ends. Victor asked if they are planning to re-bury the timbers after they map them or will they be leaving them exposed. Mr. Esper replied that they are planning to re-bury the timbers and noted it would be easy to do because the dredge pushes the sand out behind it while in use. Mr. Bezkorovainy stated that it is difficult to map the area due to the amount of shifting sand and the close proximity of lobstering activity. They have been hesitant to put out baselines along which to take measurements because the lobstermen set traps so close to their site. Victor stated that in addition to protecting the timbers from the ocean forces, re-burying the structure exposed by the test pits would help protect them from the lobster fishing gear. Mr. Esper agreed with Victor and noted that they will most likely excavate one test pit at a time. Each will be mapped, photographed and backfilled. Victor asked if they have encountered much ghost gear in their permit area. Mr. Esper stated that they have, particularly around the shoals.

Victor noted that the Board needs to receive Mr. Esper and Mr. Bezkorovainy's project conservator's credentials. Mr. Esper replied that they are working on getting them and will make it a priority. Regarding their recovery plan, specifically the plan to leave all non diagnostic artifacts in situ, Lenny Loparto urged Mr. Esper and Mr. Bezkorovainy to record all the artifacts they encounter. He noted that it will be very difficult not to displace artifacts while using the water dredge and airlift. He added that while this material might not seem significant at the time of the dives, it could provide useful information later in the course of the project and therefore should be recorded. Lenny added that the project archaeologist should be the one making the decision at that point whether to physically recover an artifact or simply record it's presence and location. Mr. Bezkorovainy acknowledged Lenny's suggestion and noted that they have video and still cameras as well as artists available to them and are planning use both photographs and drawings to carefully document the excavation. Lenny asked if the divers operating the dredge provide notes at the end of the day. Mr. Esper stated that all project divers provide written records of their dives which include observations. There are typically three divers in the water at a time including the project archaeologist. Mr. Esper added they would be using the water jet to remove the heavy sand overburden and would deploy the airlift as soon as they encounter cultural material. Victor stated that it is likely most of the artifacts encountered will be diagnostic. Lenny added that with all the advances being made in dendrochronological analysis, even the timbers can be considered diagnostic.

Brendan Foley moved to modify the permit (06-002) held by Gary V. Esper and Alexander G. Bezkorovainy from reconnaissance to excavation with all standard conditions in effect and the further condition that the credentials of the project's conservation director be submitted to the Board's staff for review and approval. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

B. Philip D. Greco Associates, Inc.

Victor reported that the permits held by Philip D. Greco Associates, Inc. (PGA) are up for renewal and that Mr. Greco had submitted the renewal applications and Annual Reports in accordance with the Board's regulations. Mr. Greco was in attendance to present the applications on behalf of PGA.

Mr. Greco reported that he and his team began this season's fieldwork about three weeks ago. The robots are working and are being used primarily for video reconnaissance. As in the past, Mr. Greco and his team are hoping for a hurricane to remove the sand from the permit area. He noted that a strong coastal storm three years ago moved a large amount of sand which revealed numerous wrecks. This year, they are focusing their fieldwork efforts on reacquiring remote sensing targets that were detected and charted approximately ten to twelve years ago. Also, they are looking for a tin wreck in the area. He noted that they have already detected three tin bars through the video survey closer to the shore than they expected. Mr. Greco stated that if they can locate this wreck, they will likely apply for an excavation permit and following the excavation of this site, continue looking at the other anomalies they have detected over the years. He added that there is a tremendous amount of ship related material out there that likely resulted from vessels wrecking between the inner and outer banks. He described this area as "confusing" due to the high number of wrecks and emphasized the need to sort out what some of these wrecks are before moving to the next step of excavation. As of yet, they have not encountered any material that would suggest the presence of the shipwreck for which they were originally searching. Mr. Greco stated that he spoke with some divers near his permit area who reported seeing numerous anchors on the seafloor. He stated that someone had recovered three anchors, one of which was a very early and rare type. He reported this to an environmental police officer who was patrolling in the area. Mr. Greco noted that there are people searching for tin and other materials in the area and that someone from out of state has been removing the remains of the Marconi cable.

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Martha King asked Mr. Greco if the Patriot's Day storm moved any sand from his permit area. Mr. Greco replied that he has only been in the field for a few weeks this season so he is not sure what effect that particular storm had. He noted that the window of opportunity following a significant storm is approximately two days after which the sand moves back in.

Ed Bell moved to grant renewal of the Reconnaissance Permit (92-001) held by Philip D. Greco Associates, Inc. for its Eastham/Wellfleet site with all standard conditions in effect. Brendan Foley seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Lenny Loparto moved to grant renewal of the Reconnaissance Permit (92-002) held by Philip D. Greco Associates, Inc. for its Wellfleet site with all standard conditions in effect. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS – Victor changed the order of business by moving to **D. Victor Ricardo**

D. Victor Ricardo

Victor reported that the reconnaissance permit held by Victor Ricardo is up for renewal and the Mr. Ricardo had submitted his renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Mr. Ricardo was in attendance to represent his application.

Mr. Ricardo reported that like Mr. Greco, he too has a major problem with sand in his permit area primarily from the dredging of the Merrimac River. He has been surveying for many years with a towed video camera system, but all he is seeing is sand and sand dollars despite the results of two magnetometer surveys which indicated a several anomaly concentrations. Three or four years ago, he had four divers investigate the areas of these concentrations with metal detectors, however they were unable to identify the sources of the magnetic anomalies because hand fanning is not enough to remove the heavy sand overburden. Mr. Ricardo showed the Board several objects that he located on the beach with his metal detector following two strong coastal storms of the past winter. All of the items appeared to be modern and none related to a shipwreck. Mr. Ricardo stated that the fact he is only finding material buried in the beach indicates that nothing is coming ashore from the ocean. He stated that everything, including the shipwreck for which he is searching, is buried deeply beneath the sand. Some years ago he spoke with divers who used to dive in his permit area who reported seeing tremendous amounts of dishes, bottles and other material. According to Mr. Ricardo, none of that material is visible. Mr. Ricardo stated that the Army Corps of Engineers has essentially buried his permit area with sand. Until the sand moves away from his site, perhaps from a hurricane, most of his work has been limited to research. Victor noted that the Board routinely comments to the Corps on proposed beach nourishment and dredging projects and reminds the Corps that Mr. Ricardo holds an active reconnaissance permit.

Terry French moved to grant renewal of the Reconnaissance Permit (94-001) held by Victor Ricardo for his Salisbury site with all standard conditions in effect and the further conditions that Mr. Ricardo coordinate with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) facility (Salisbury Beach State Reservation) staff and the DCR Office of Historic Resources for any on site activities; the DCR staff determine when activities on site take place; no excavation activities take place under this permit; and that no cultural materials leave the boundaries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts except with the prior written approval of the Board. Ed Bell seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

C. Nipmuc Nation – Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Victor reported that the Reconnaissance Permit held by the Nipmuc Nation – Tribal Historic Preservation Office (NNTHPO) for its site in Worcester is up for renewal and that the NNTHPO has submitted its renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. He noted that once again, the materials submitted to the Board reflect a high level of detail and professionalism. Cheryl Stedtler, Project Director, was planning to attend today's meeting on behalf of the NNTHPO, however due to a family emergency she is unable to make the trip from New Jersey.

Victor stated that the annual report shows that the project continues to move forward in terms of research and fundraising. The newest development is the possible purchase of the former Tatassit Club a part of a joint venture

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between the NNTHPO and the towns of Shrewsbury, Grafton and Worcester. This idea behind the proposal is that the property would become a museum of the lake's history covering its Native American uses to those of present day.

Lenny Loparto stated that his only question regarding the project concerns the estimated budget and a lack of provisions for producing a comprehensive report. He added that the budget reflects other significant components of the project including survey, data recovery and conservation, but does not address the cost of producing a report. He also suggested the NNTHPO consider investigating the potential National Register significance of the dugout canoes. Victor replied that he would discuss both of these concerns with Ms. Stedtler. Ed Bell suggested that the NNTHPO produce its final report in digital format so it can be posted on the project's website. Lenny concurred with Ed's suggestion and added that perhaps the NNTHPO could have a report for the website that is geared more towards the general public. Victor stated that he believes the NNTHPO has a presentation that it uses in for fundraising efforts and that the report could also be part this presentation. David Trubey added there an interactive display that Ms. Stedtler wanted to show the Board at today's meeting. As she was unable to attend, Ms. Stedtler stated that she would be willing to present this display at future meeting.

Ed Bell moved to renew the Reconnaissance Permit (01-001) held by the Nipmuc Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office for its Worcester site with all standard conditions in effect. Lenny Loparto seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Historical Maritime Group of New England

Victor reported that the Historical Maritime Group of New England (HMGNE) is seeking a permit to recover a large inscribed boulder on the south facing shore of Nomans Land Island. The boulder was first discovered in 1926 and has become a part of the Vineyard's folklore as its inscription was attributed to Leif Eriksson. Because the stone is currently in a high energy surf zone, it is feared that the inscription will gradually disappear. HMGNE's proposes to recover the boulder and place it at the Martha's Vineyard Museum where it will be protected. John Alden and Arne Carr were in attendance to represent the application.

Victor stated it was an oversight on his part that he did not realize the existence of Executive Order 126 (8 July 1976), which calls for consultation with recognized Native American organizations regarding proposed activities on Nomans Land Island. Victor deferred to Ed Bell to explain the details. Ed stated that Nomans Land Island is considered by the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) to have historical and cultural significance. In accordance with the aforementioned executive order, the tribe must be consulted regarding HMGNE's proposed project. Ed asked Mr. Carr if there has been any outreach effort on the part of HMGNE to the tribe. Mr. Carr replied that HMGNE has been in consultation primarily with the Town of Chilmark. Letters describing the proposed project have been sent to the Chilmark Conservation Commission, the Selectmen's Office and the Chilmark Historical Commission for review. Mr. Carr stated that although the project is in the Town of Chilmark, this does not mean that HMGNE does not recognize the jurisdiction of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and it would certainly welcome the tribe's input. Victor stated that in regard to the executive order and the fact that the required consultation has not yet occurred, it might be best for the Board to table consideration of this application until a later date. He added the Board should be a part of the consultation along with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

John Alden asked the Board what HMGNE would need to document its consultation with the Wamponoag Tribe. Ed replied that as part of its review process, the Board will contact the tribe on it's own, but he urged HMGNE to contact the tribe as well. Arne Carr asked the Board, if following the consultation period and everyone approves, would it be feasible to stick with the August time frame for recovery to take advantage of the favorable low tides. Victor replied that it is still possible, but the feasibility would largely depend on the response of the tribe. If the tribe has no objections, the approval process would be faster as far as the Board's issuing of a permit is concerned. He added that he can not predict how quickly the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer would respond. Victor noted that, although it does not typically schedule meetings in the summer, the Board can hold a meeting to consider the application provided it has a quorum.

Ed Bell moved to table consideration of the reconnaissance permit application submitted by the Historical Maritime Group of New England until consultation with the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) is completed. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

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B. Raymond L. Hayes

Victor reminded the Board that Dr. Raymond Hayes was not able to attend the 29 March 2007 meeting at which time he was granted a reconnaissance permit for his Great Harbor, Woods Hole project. In addition to the standard conditions, the permit was granted with the further conditions that no artifact collection take place until Dr. Hayes submits for Board approval a plan detailing the selection process for sample collections, need to collect samples and a plan for the curation of artifacts. As the Board had a number of questions for Dr. Hayes, he asked for an opportunity to provide additional information at today's meeting.

Dr. Hayes introduced himself to the Board and thanked members for the opportunity to be here. He explained that he was unable to be at the last meeting due to family business in the Caribbean. He presented a detailed research plan which discusses some of the issues that were raised at the last meeting including the plan for identification, mapping, selection of submerged cultural resources for collection and conservation. Additionally, he presented letters of partnership from the Woods Hole Historical Museum and the Falmouth Historical Society. Dr. Hayes reminded the Board that his plan is to conduct random circle searches of Great Harbor as it is defined on an 1857 map as an historical anchorage area. He emphasized that although Victor asked him to document any shipwrecks in the anchorage, he and his team will be primarily be looking for evidence of the anchorage itself. Although they will document and map the two shipwrecks they already know are in the project area, the project goal is to describe and map the historical anchorage site and delineate its extent. Dr. Hayes stated that his research actually suggests the historic anchorage in Great Harbor dates to as early as 1791.

Through the circle searches, Dr. Hayes hopes to locate any artifacts and to the extent possible, identify them in situ. He explained that divers will be given a Mylar information form on which artifact descriptions and locations will be made. The forms will viewed by Dr. Hayes, the project curator and archivist to determine if any of these artifacts should be recovered. If they are recovered, the next question would be the degree of difficulty involved with their conservation. He noted that he has the ability to conserve glass and ceramics but he is concerned about mixed artifacts, metal and wood. However, if required, he and his team can make arrangements for the conservation of such materials. There is conservation space available for the project as well as display space available at both the museum and historical society. Dr. Hayes added that the museum is currently conserving a cannon from the War of 1812 vessel, *HMS Nimrod*. Although he does not expect to find cannon, he used this example to illustrate the museums conservation capabilities.

Dr. Hayes stated that he does expect to find evidence of ship trading that utilized Great Harbor especially during the time that the Pacific Guano Company operated on Long Point. Ships carrying raw guano from South America, the Atlantic Islands and Europe were regular visitors to Great Harbor. He anticipates finding cultural materials related to the shipboard life of the crews of these ships and anything else that might have been purposely or accidentally cast overboard. Other than this type of material, Dr. Hayes stated he is unsure of what else he and his team will encounter. Brendan Foley stated that there is a lot of modern material in the harbor. Dr. Hayes replied that he is aware of the amount of modern debris from the numerous vessels that are routinely moored there. He is only interested in the historic material which he figures will represent the period of approximately 1790-1900. Dr. Hayes stated he feels that along with the archivist and curator, he has the expertise to sort through and identify this material provided his divers can give an accurate description of their observations. Artifacts will be photographed and sketched as necessary to provide as complete a record as possible as to what is located in the project area. He reported that he plans to drop a mooring buoy to an anchor and run a fifteen meter line off that anchor. The line will circumscribe the each circle search. Additionally, there will be a fixed line and a moveable line which the divers will take with them allowing the team to get a compass bearing on the line. GPS coordinates will be taken form the anchor location, which will represent the center of the search circle. This process should enable the divers to return to the locations where artifacts are discovered. Dr. Hayes emphasized there will be no artifact collection during the initial phase of this proposed project.

Victor stated that Dr. Hayes's description of the proposed project answers many of the questions that were raised at the last meeting. He added that Dr. Hayes seems to be looking at the harbor as a cultural landscape in which he will be attempting to locate areas of random deposition. Dr. Hayes agreed that is the perspective through which he is viewing this project.

Lenny Loparto asked Dr. Hayes how much of the area is going to be surveyed initially. Dr. Hayes replied that the exact coordinates are listed in the original application package, but that the area amounts to approximately one third of a mile on a side. Lenny asked approximately what percentage of that area will be covered by the circle searches. Dr. Hayes stated that when they conduct the circle searches, he and his team will be looking for concentrations of artifacts.

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Once they find these concentrations, they will conduct a more comprehensive survey on these areas. He added that one of the questions they will be trying to answer concerns the artifact distribution in the historic anchorage area.

Brendan Foley reported that Dr. David Switzer, formally of Plymouth State College in New Hampshire, conducted a similar survey about fifteen years ago in Harts Cove on the Piscataqua River. However, he utilized the vessel moorings that were already in place as the center point for his circle searches. Dr. Hayes replied that he considers the existing moorings obstacles for his survey in addition to the current. The current will likely reduce their survey time to slack tide which will allow an hour to an hour and half of dive time each tidal cycle. He noted that the topography of the area is conical with the deepest area being where the two ships depicted in the video are located. He described the seafloor in this area as funnel-like and suggested they might discover that materials are falling down the sides of this funnel and concentrating in the deep part of the hole. Brendan stated that people are constantly dumping material in this area and that the hole is getting shallower all the time. He noted that he was out there a few years ago when it was about seventy feet deep, which is no longer the case. Brendan stated that in Dr. Switzer's survey at Hart's Cove, the mooring chains were actually very helpful in that they plowed up the first few inches of seafloor as the boats swing in the wind and changing currents thus exposing the artifacts.

Victor read the original motion in which Dr. Hayes was granted a reconnaissance permit at the last meeting. The motion specified that no artifact collection was to take place until Dr. Hayes submitted for Board approval a plan detailing the selection process for sample location, the need to collect samples, and the plans for curation. Victor pointed out the Dr. Hayes has now provided this information and the question is does the Board want to delegate the approval of this information to the Board's staff or would it prefer to wait until the next meeting to approve the supplemental information. He added that it does not appear that Dr. Hayes is planning to recover any materials at this stage of the project.

Ed Bell asked Dr. Hayes if he foresees collecting artifacts in the next year. Dr. Hayes replied yes, but only if the museum is interested in the artifacts. He anticipates having enough data by the end of the summer for the museum and historical society to make a determination as to what they are interested in seeing. Ed asked Victor to clarify what action he is looking for the Board to take at this time and added that as he was not at the last meeting, he feels compelled to abstain from any vote regarding this permit. Victor stated that he is not looking for the Board to approve the collection of artifacts but rather to delegate approval of the project's work plan to the staff of the Board so that the Board does not have to meet again to make a decision on the issue of collecting artifacts. He explained that decision on collection would likely have to be made by the end of the summer in order for Dr. Hayes to maintain his proposed project schedule.

Lenny Loparto stated that he still has concerns over letting the local historical society and museum make the determination as to what artifacts are or are not recovered. He questioned if they should be put in the position of making decisions regarding the research potential of artifacts and their distribution. Victor replied that this is an important issue, but stated that collection would be limited to the seafloor surface only under this permit and that the permittee plans to record artifact provenience. Lenny stated that his concern was based on information provided at the last meeting which suggested that the context of some artifacts might not be recorded as a result of a value judgment being made in the field. However, now that he has learned the divers will be recording observations on particular artifacts to assist in the identification and analysis prior to recovery, he is less concerned. Dr. Hayes stated that he and his team will be generating a map of the artifact distribution. He stated he is interested in creating a database which would include information on both artifacts that have been recovered and those left in situ. This would be based on the information that divers bring back from their dives. Lenny stated that he was not so much concerned about the artifacts recovered as he was about artifacts being left behind with no record of provenience. Dr. Hayes replied that the reason behind collection was to provide for public display. That is why having the museum and the historical society's commitment is critical to the project. The museums provide not only a mechanism for public display but also a mechanism for the public dissemination of information and public awareness. Dr. Hayes stated that by the time of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in September, he and his team should have enough diving experience on the site to make decisions regarding the collection of artifacts. Victor stated that based on the information provided by Dr. Hayes today and his field schedule, there is no reason why the project cannot go forward while the Board reviews the details of the work plan relative to the collection of artifacts. There is no compelling need for the Board's staff to review and approved the plan before the Board's next meeting in September.

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MEETING RECESSED –

Ed Bell moved to recess the meeting at 2:58 PM. Brendan Foley seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

MEETING RECONVENED –

Victor reconvened the meeting at 3:01 PM on 31 May 2007 in the CZM Conference Room at 251 Causeway Street, Boston.

Victor reported that the excavation permit (06-002) held by Gary V. Esper and Alexander G. Bezkorovainy for their site in Manchester is set to expire on 27 July 2007 unless renewed by the Board. Victor recommended that the permit be extended until the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting on 27 September 2007.

Terry French moved to extend the excavation permit (06-002) held by Gary V. Esper and Alexander G. Bezkorovainy for their site in Manchester from 27 July 2007 until 27 September 2007. Dan Sampson seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Lenny Loparto moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 PM. Brendan Foley seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor T. Mastone
Director