

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – 28 March 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marcie Bilinski (Dive Community Representative)
Marc Carullo (Designee of Bruce Carlisle, Director of Coastal Zone Management)
Mike Driscoll (Designee, Director of DCR Division of Waterways)
Terry French (Designee of John Warner, State Archivist)
Gary Murad (Dive Community Representative)
Jonathan Patton (Designee of Brona Simon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission)
Victor Mastone, Director (Staff for the Board)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lenny Loparto (Designee of Brona Simon, State Archaeologist)
Graham McKay (Marine Archaeologist)
John Tulik (Designee of Aaron Gross, Director of Environmental Law Enforcement)

PROCEEDINGS:

The public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources was convened by the Director, Victor Mastone at 1:30 PM on 28 March 2013 in the CZM Conference Room at 251 Causeway Street in Boston.

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes 30 January 2013

Victor asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes of the public meeting held on 30 January 2013. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.

Jonathan Patton moved to accept the minutes of the 30 January 2013 public meeting. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

He stated he now was going to change the order of business and start with Old Business.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Underwater Discoveries Unlimited, LLC

Victor reported that Underwater Discoveries Unlimited (UDU), LCC, had submitted its reconnaissance permit renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's Regulations. Victor reminded the Board that this application is for renewal of permit number 96-001 for a potential unidentified shipwreck site off Wellfleet and not for the excavation permit for *White Squall* site. Victor noted the thorough job by UDU on their renewal package. Oscar Snow was in attendance to present the application on behalf of UDU.

Mr. Snow said UDU has undertaken five magnetometer surveys of the permit areas. He showed the Board members a chart of the permit area. He noted the location of a large boulder with a number of anomalies clustered around it. He also noted the shoreline retreat of 800 to 1,000 feet in that same area of the past 300 years speculating that the boulder may have been a hazard. Additionally, he believed some clustering of anomalies represented a larger vessel possibly broken roughly in half. When conditions prevent them from working on the *White Squall* site, they will turn their attention to this permit area. The crew, vessel and equipment are ready for the upcoming season.

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Victor asked Mr. Snow when they planned to start fieldwork this year. Mr. Snow said they hoped to begin around the end of May, concentrating on the other permit area. He noted they have been maintaining regular surveillance of both permit areas and good communications with the Cape Cod National Seashore. On a couple occasions, a vessel, not UDU's, equipped with divers has been observed in UDU permit areas and reported.

Terry French moved to renew reconnaissance permit No. 96-001 held by Underwater Discoveries Unlimited for its Wellfleet site with all standard conditions in effect and with the further condition that the permittee coordinate all field activities with the staff of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Mike Driscoll seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

B. Nicholas Snyder

Victor reported the Nicholas Snyder had submitted his Reconnaissance Permit renewal application and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Mr. Snyder was in attendance to present the application.

Mr. Snyder reported he was only able to work on site a couple times over the last year due to his work schedule. He planned to return this year. Victor asked if they planned additional remote sensing this year. Mr. Snyder said the rocky bottom conditions made side scan survey futile. For future survey, he was planning to use a magnetometer. Terry French asked if they have found anything to identify shipwrecks in that area. Mr. Snyder said they observed nothing diagnostic and they compiled a list of vessels reported lost in that area.

Gary Murad moved to grant renewal of a Reconnaissance Permit No. 11-002 held Nicholas Snyder for his Gloucester site with all standard conditions in effect. Mike Driscoll seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

C. Raymond Hayes

Victor reported that Raymond Hayes has not yet submitted a renewal application and annual report by the regulatory deadline. Victor noted that Dr. Hayes has been late in the past due to his spring research activities in the Caribbean. Given this and the high quality of work and reporting detailed in the past renewal application, Victor asked the Board to consider granting an extension. Mr. Hayes was not present to represent his request.

There was no further discussion.

Terry French moved to extend the expiration date of the Reconnaissance Permit (07-001) held by Raymond A. Hayes for his Great Harbor, Woods Hole site until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on 30 May 2013, with all standard conditions in effect. Marc Carullo seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

D. Harry Noyes and Gary Gianotti

Victor reported the cannon nearing completion of conservation at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. He understands the permittee is now working with the Marblehead Historical Commission to plan the transfer and donation of the cannon to them. Gary Murad asked if they have a date on the cannon. Victor responded that was an open question and, thus far, there was no associated wreckage in the location of the find. They hoped identification might be resolved during the conservation analysis.

E. William Bradbury

Jonathan Patton asked Victor about information distributed to Board members from Mr. Bradbury. Victor said it was meant as a heads-up notice. Mr. Bradbury's goal is to get a university interested in pursuing the site for research and preservation, even to conduct a field school. He had been encouraging

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Mr. Bradbury to review his past 20 years of work and summarize his research. This will help him to engage possible collaborators. Gary Murad asked what has been recovered from the site. Victor said nothing thus far. The permit was issued based on remote sensing data. He noted the other purpose for the summary was to educate Board members, most of who were not members when he initially was granted the permit.

F. Nipmuc Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Gary Murad asked for an update on Nipmuc Nation's Project Mishoon. Victor said they were starting to plan for fieldwork. Marcie Bilinski asked to be notified so she might be able to participate. They had done some remote sensing in the Fall and are now assembling that data. This year, they planned additional remote sensing and diver investigation of identified anomalies. This includes the possible steam launch found by another party within their permit area; they are now working together. The project archaeologist needs to dive on that site as well as other possible canoes.

CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Victor stated he would change the order of business.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Cultural Heritage Resources Working Group

Victor reminded that Board that he continued to be a member of NOAA's Cultural Heritage Resources Working Group. He participated in a teleconference meeting on February 12. They are developing a handbook to assist managers of marine protected areas in dealing with heritage resources. The handbook will be separate modules or pamphlets on specific topics rather a single volume.

B. USCG Area Committee (Oil Spill Response) Workshop

Victor reported that that he attended the workshop of the USCG Area Committee on Oil Spill Response on March 21. The workshop dealt mainly with cultural and natural heritage resources and was centered on responses to a hypothetical oil spill in Outer Boston Harbor. It was to get responders to understand their value, where they were potentially located, and what to consider when responding to a spill event. Ellen Berkland, DCR's staff archaeologist gave a presentation on cultural heritage resources.

C. New intern

Victor reported that a new unpaid intern, archaeological research associate, started with the Board this week. His name is Chris Lauzon, who graduated from Louisiana State University. He will be working one day a week, generally Tuesday. He will focus on updating the Board's site files and site inventory forms, and drafting nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

D. URI/NITHPO/BOEM Submerged Paleocultural Landscape Workshop

Victor reported he and Jonathan Patton have been invited to participate in the Submerged Paleocultural Landscape Workshop organized and sponsored by the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The workshop will be on April 8-10.

E. Conference on New England Archaeology

Victor said he was planning to attend the annual Conference on New England Archaeology. It will be held on Saturday, April 20, at the Robert S. Peabody Museum, Philips Academy in Andover. The 2013 Conference Theme is *Black Archaeology in New England: Theory, Dialogue, and Interpretation*.

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F. NASOH Conference

Victor reported that he is the co-program chair, along with Dr. John O. Jensen of Sea Education Association, of the annual conference for the North American Society for Oceanic History. He would be attending the annual conference from May 15-19, 2013 in Alpena, MI. The conference theme is Maritime Borderlands and Cultural Landscapes. This conference has the added benefit of meeting with the staff of NOAA's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, which focuses on shipwreck visitation and interpretation. Victor noted he would be using vacation time and personal funds to attend the conference.

4. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board member reports.

5. OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

A. Bay State Council of Divers Meeting

Victor reported that he attended the February 27, 2013 meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers. The meeting focused on the Bay State Council's booth at Boston Scuba Show and Boston Sea Rovers Clinic, planning Club Dive Treasure Hunt, and Board projects.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2013.

B. Boston Scuba Show

Victor reported that he attended the Boston Scuba Show in Marlborough on February 23, 2013. The Bay State Council of Divers provided space at its table for the Board's materials and for Victor to answer questions.

C. Boston Sea Rovers Annual Underwater Clinic

Victor informed the Board that he attended the 2013 Boston Sea Rovers Underwater Clinic held on March 9-10. This year's venue had significantly improved exhibitor space, free parking, and more affordable accommodations. It was held at the Crowne Plaza in Danvers. The Massachusetts Environmental Trust kindly offered display space at their booth for the Board. As in the past few years, BUAR materials were displayed at both the Division of Marine Fisheries and Bay State Council of Divers (BSC) booths. Vic said he split his time between the three booths. The Minot's Ledge Lighthouse Plaque was on display at the MET booth.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Victor reported there were no new business items for this meeting.

Marcie Bilinski moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 PM. Terry French seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor T. Mastone
Director