

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING – 31 January 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anthony Abdal-Khabir (Acting Director of Environmental Law Enforcement)
Michael Driscoll (Designee of Gregory Robbins, Director of DCR Division of Waterways)
Graham McKay (Marine Archaeologist)
Dan Sampson (Designee of Lisa Engler, Acting Director of Coastal Zone Management)
John Warner (State Archivist)
Nadia Waski (Designee of Brona Simon, State Archaeologist)
Victor Mastone, Director (Staff for the Board)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Murad (Dive Community Representative)
Jonathon Patton (Designee of Brona Simon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Historical Commission)
Vacant (Dive Community Representative)

PROCEEDINGS:

The public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources was convened by the Director, Victor Mastone, at 1:38 PM on 31 January 2019 in the CZM Conference Room at 251 Causeway Street, Boston.

1. MINUTES

A. Minutes of 28 November 2018

Vic M asked the Board if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes of the informal public meeting held on 28 November 2018. There were no comments or corrections.

Dan Sampson moved to accept the minutes of the public meeting held on 28 November 2018. Nadia Waski seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Board Appointments and Staffing

Vic M stated the memo regarding Board's gubernatorial appointments was sent by Lisa Engler, MCZM Acting Director, to the Secretary's Office to facilitate the process. He hoped to have the vacancy filled soon.

Vic M stated they were working his position replacement. He said there is discussion between him, MCZM and Human Resources as to whether he must submit a resignation letter before they will post his position. MCZM wants to hire a replacement and views the position as vital.

Vic M said that his currently proposed retirement date is March 30, 2019. He noted that he would likely be around for some time after that as special employee on a 120 day appointment to facilitate transition and training of his replacement.

B. Bay State Council of Divers

Vic M reported that he attended the meeting of the Bay State Council of Divers (BSC) on the evening of 5 December 2018. The topics included the annual Boston Sea Rovers Conference, annual treasure hunt, and public access issues at Back Beach in Rockport.

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With respect to the Back Beach issue, a resident was observed videotaping divers and their vehicles as they changed. It is believed the intent was to document any potential violation by divers of Rockport's public nudity laws. The diver, a woman, thought it was threatening behavior. BSC would pursue discussions with the Rockport Police Department.

BSC is planning to hold their annual treasure hunt and multi-club picnic at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester on Sunday, 15 September 2019. The next Council meeting is scheduled for the evening of 27 February 2019.

C. North American Society for Oceanic History

Vic M reported that the North American Society for Ocean History will be holding its annual conference in New Bedford, 16–18 May 2019. This conference is held in collaboration with the National Maritime Historical Society, New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, and New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center. The conference theme is: “*Connecting the Global and Local: The Sea and Maritime Cities*”. Vic M is co-organizer/co-chair of the conference.

D. Society for Historical Archaeology

Vic M reported that the Society for Historical Archaeology will be holding its annual conference on historical and underwater archaeology in Boston, 8-12 January 2020. The conference theme is “*Revolution.*” Vic M is underwater program co-chair with Dr. Calvin Mires, Bridgewater State University.

E. Massachusetts Archaeological Society Exhibit

Vic M reported that he and Sarah Sierzego, a senior at Salem State University, have been developing an exhibit at the Massachusetts Archaeology Society's Robbins Museum. The exhibit is comprised of objects from the Board's collections. He described the exhibit display.

3. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board member reports.

4. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts

Vic M reported that he gave a luncheon presentation to the Society of Colonial Wars in Massachusetts at the Union Club in Boston on 17 January 2019. The presentation was entitled, “*Historical Narrative and Cultural Landscape Analysis: Revealing the American War of Independence Battle of Chelsea Creek.*” Approximately 60 people were in attendance. He noted he saw two individuals he had not seen in over 20 years at this event.

B. Lynnfield Senior Center

Vic M reported that he gave a mid-day presentation on 29 January 2019 at the Lynnfield Senior Center in Lynnfield. The presentation was entitled, “*Nature and Maritime Archaeology: Revealing Massachusetts' Hidden History*”. Approximately 15 people were in attendance. He noted he saw an individual he had not seen in over 30 years at this event.

C. New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center

Vic M reported the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center was once again hosting an Unusual Catches Day for fishermen. The event will be held at the Center on 2 March 2019 from 1-4 PM. The

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Center is located 38 Bethel Street in New Bedford. It is about block from the Whaling Museum. The intent is to get active and retired fishermen to bring artifacts they have pulled up while fishing, their "Treasure from the Deep". Vic M noted the Center received a lot of positive feedback for last year's event. The invited panel of maritime archeologists and shipwreck experts will be on hand to examine these artifacts and provide some insights about their age and function. They hoped to have a paleontologist participate this year as well. The event is free and open to the public.

D. Boston Sea Rover Annual Scuba Diving Conference

Vic M informed the Board that the 2019 Boston Sea Rovers Underwater Clinic would be held on 9-10 March 2019. This year's venue will be again held at the Double Tree Hotel in Danvers. As with last few years, he plans to have a display at the Massachusetts Environmental Trust table and assist at the Division of Marine Fisheries and Bay State Council of Divers tables.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bassing Cove Maritime Association

Victor reported that Bassings Cove Maritime Association (BCMA) had submitted its Excavation Permit renewal application, fee and Annual Report in accordance with the Board's regulations. Tom Mulloy, Debra Jackson and Hank Lynch were present to represent their permit.

Debra Jackson said they had a quiet year on the shipwreck, primarily due to water conditions. There was much free floating seaweed over the site greatly obscuring visibility. They recovered two pieces of free concretion and they are currently soaking in a tank at the Scituate Maritime Museum. They only major change they observed on the site was that the southern end where an overhang detached sometime before June 2018. It was roughly six feet by eight feet in size. Concretions are reduced as a teaching tool for student programs with the Scituate and Norwell schools, and at public events. They also worked a little with the Plymouth's schools in the past year. Debra described the objects recovered from the concretion and noted they are placed in the museum's exhibit. They have been focusing their efforts on outreach.

Debra Jackson took the opportunity to thank Vic M for his guidance and support..

Graham McKay moved to grant renewal of Excavation Permit (91-001) held by Bassings Cove Maritime Association for its Scituate site with all standard conditions and special conditions remaining in effect. Nadia Waski seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

B. Alexander Bezkorovainy

Vic M reported that the excavation permit held by Alexander Bezkorovainy was up for renewal today. Mr. Bezkorovainy had not submitted his renewal application and annual report or otherwise communicated with the Board, and was not in attendance to represent his permit application.

Vic M noted the Board's practice in such circumstances has been to grant an extension. He added that due to an inadvertent oversight on his part, the Board failed to act on this permit at its November meeting. As a result, any motion would need to be made effective retroactive to our November meeting date. He reminded the Board of their policy of not granting more than two extensions, excluding administrative extensions, and this would be considered the second extension. He advised that if the Board did not receive a complete application or communication from Mr. Bezkorovainy of the special circumstances requiring additional time after this extension, then the Board should allow the permit to naturally expire. There was no further discussion.

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Mike Driscoll moved to extend, effective retroactive to 29 November 2018, the expiration date, of the Excavation Permit (06-002) held by Alexander Bezkorovainy for his Salem Sound site with all existing standard and special conditions remaining in effect until the next scheduled meeting of the Board on 28 March 2019. Jack Warner seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

C. R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.

Vic M reported the James S. Smith, Project Archaeologist, for R. Christopher Goodwin Associates had requested modifications of their Special Use Permit No.17-001 for the Bay State Wind project. The modifications outlined in their letter 9 January 2019 were to include the additional areas associated with Export Cable Corridor to Falmouth through Vineyard Sound. Essentially, this was the area the permittee previously requested be removed from their permit area. He subsequently granted provisional approval of the new modifications. He was seeking the Board's formal approval of those modifications. There was no further discussion. There was no further discussion.

Mike Driscoll moved to modification of Special Use Permit No.17-001, held by R. Christopher Goodwin Associates for the Bay State Wind Project as detailed in their letter of 9 January 2019. Dan Sampson seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

D. James M. Karos

Vic M reported that James Karos had not submitted his Reconnaissance Permit renewal application, fee and Annual Report. Mr. Karos had requested an extension of his permit in order to submit these materials. He noted Mr. Karos made this request due to illness. Mr. Karos was not in attendance to represent his permit. There was no further discussion.

Graham McKay moved to extend the expiration date for Reconnaissance Permit (06-001) held by James M. Karos for his Chelsea Creek site in Revere/Boston/Chelsea with all standard conditions remaining in effect until the next scheduled meeting of the Board on 28 March 2019. Jack Warner seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

E. Raymond Hayes

Jack Warner asked Vic M about the status report submitted by Dr. Hayes. Vic M said this was the most recent update on that permit. He wanted to recognize Dr. Hayes' publication of this research.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Dan Sampson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 PM. Nadia Waski seconded. Unanimous vote in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor T. Mastone
Director