

**Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Partnership Office, 408 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 217, Boston, MA**  
**Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**  
*As Corrected*

Rob Moir, Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all. Members and audience were introduced. The minutes of the March 7, 2012, meeting were approved one correction- Maureen Cavanaugh was present.

**Peddock's Island 2012**

Jane Ellis, Boston Harbor Island Alliance (BHIA), gave a presentation on the East Head Improvements Project (attached). She said the improvements are a continuation of past investments on Peddock's Island, and part of the vision of the island becoming a key destination by 2014. Jane said this season is a transition year, and to expect amenities and improvements to be phased in. Ferry service will start on June 22, for day use. The welcome center will be outfitted with orientation panels soon after. Public programs are also scheduled throughout the season. Landscaping, trail work, and pier improvements are on-going. Yurt camping and other visitor amenities are expected to come online next year.

There was a request made to have the presentation sent to all council members. Mary Raczko, NPS, will send. Council members asked several questions; Jane responded. Jane will verify that there will be dinghies provided. Park managers are addressing the poison ivy currently near the campsites. Park managers have yet to determine if group campsites will be offered on the island. The exterior of the chapel will be painted this season; BHIA and DCR are pursuing funding opportunities for restoration. Jane mentioned NPS is initiating an ethno-history project focusing on middle head and the cottages this year. She said that the DCR contact for questions about cottage leases is Emily Woodward.

Bill Hale said cottage owners would like to offer their help to work on the waiting area on the pier. Bill Reardon mentioned his niece was working on a master's thesis on Boston Harbor POW's; a suggestion was made that she be invited to speak at an upcoming meeting. Victor Brogna suggested two new meeting locations in the North End and offered to scope them out. Charlie Norris suggested the Council visit Peddock's, perhaps in conjunction with another group that was visiting.

**Marina and Moorings**

Jane Ellis also responded to questions about moorings and the management of Spectacle Island Marina. She announced the new operator will be Mass Maritime Academy. She said new moorings are being explored for the upcoming season; this year there will be no charges for mooring use. Walter Hope, Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands (FBHI), said small boaters are concerned about the higher cost at the marina. Jane said she will provide the council with the recently revised rate schedule; many rates were adjusted from what was previously announced. She said the rate structure for the marina reflects the

amenities supplied. Council members expressed support of the decision to have a non-commercial entity manage the marina.

### **Membership Update**

Mary Raczko, NPS, gave a membership update. She distributed a member status report. She recognized the contributions of both Mary Anne Hendricks and Chris Montgomery to the council and announced that they both resigned from the council due to health reasons. They will both be missed. Chris was also a Voting Alternate on the Partnership. There are now 5 vacancies on the council, and this partnership position to be filled.

### **Solid Waste Initiative**

Lauri Webster said she has been hired as a consultant by Boston Harbor Island Alliance to assess the current solid waste and recycling system and develop waste disposal alternatives. The project was an outgrowth of the Green Action Team (GAT) and was funded by NPS. Project goals include developing short and long term recommendations. Lauri said she is working collaboratively with staff of all levels to achieve this and invited the Advisory Council members to give their input.

Walter Hope said that he works for DEP in the Bureau of Waste Prevention, and suggested Lauri call him.

### **Commemoration of War of 1812**

Hugh Hawthorne gave an update of what will be happening around Boston Harbor in commemoration of the War of 1812. The festivities include visits from Tall Ships, domestic and foreign Navy vessels, Navy sky-divers, and a fly-over from the Blue Angels. Walter Hope added that the Friends 1812 boat trip is sold out. Bruce Jacobson said park managers are working to maintain as much regular ferry service as they can during the festivities. There is a harbor-wide shut down on July 4, that will definitely curtail ferry service to the islands on that day. Boston's Best Cruises is planning special cruises in addition to providing ferry service.

### **Ask the Superintendent**

Bruce Jacobson responded to several questions.

- There is no touch-and-go availability for private boaters at Georges Island currently. This is due to both structural limitations and traffic on the temporary pier.
- University of Idaho is helping establish a process for counting visitors. Several automatic counters have been installed on islands and visitor surveys will be conducted.
- Park managers and BBC are still waiting for the MBTA to decide if Quincy commuter boat runs will include a stop on Georges. It is hoped that they will continue, and that this year the MBTA will add the stops on their official schedules.
- Susan Kane returned to DCR after her service overseas. It is good to have her back.

- Long Island restrictions on public access remains the same, there has not been a recent change in policy.
- Bruce did not know if the water line to Georges was new, or repaired.
- Bruce encouraged all to join the Boston Harbor Islands online community at: [community.bostonharborislands.org](http://community.bostonharborislands.org). It will help us keep your contact information up-to-date and you can take control of what mailing lists you might want to be on. More features will be added soon, stay tuned.

**Public Comment**

Walter Hope said FBHI continues the expansion of their library project. They are coordinating with BHIA on the displays and pass distribution.

The meeting was adjourned.

Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council  
6/6/12 Meeting Attendees

**MEMBERS PRESENT (X)**

1. John Anderson	
2. Jennifer Bender	
3. Victor Brogna	X
4. Nancy Callanan	X
5. Maureen Cavanaugh, Vice-Chair	X
6. Teresa Czerepica	X
7. Lou Gainor*	
8. Megan Glenn*	
9. Walter Hope	X
10. Mel Harris	
11. Carl Johnson*	X
12. Rick Kasseli	
13. Dale Linder	X
14. Jim Martel*	
15. Rob Moir, Chair	X
16. Charlie Norris	X
17. Jim Peters	
18. Bill Reardon	X
19. Peter Rosen	X
20. Jay Schmidt*	X
21. Elizabeth Solomon	
22. Lauri Webster	X
23. Matt Wolfe	
24. Vacant Seat, Municipalities	
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26. Vacant Seat, Community	
27. Vacant Seat, Native American	
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**OTHERS PRESENT**

Marc Albert, NPS	
Susannah Corona	X
Jane Ellis, BHIA	X
Bill Hale**	X
Hugh Hawthorne, NPS	X
Bruce Jacobson, NPS	X
Susan Kane, DCR	
Steve Marcus, FBHI	
Suzanne Gall Marsh**	
Pat Morss**	X
Karen O'Donnell**	
Tom Powers, BHIA	
Mary Raczko	X

BHIA – Boston Harbor Island Alliance  
DCR – Department of Conservation and Recreation  
NPS – National Park Service  
TIOBEC-Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center

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