

**Boston Harbor Islands Partnership
Forty-second Meeting Minutes
Hale & Dorr, 60 State Street, 26th Floor, Boston, MA
March 20, 2001, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

PRESENT: Edith Andrews, Rob Moir, Advisory Council; Captain Chuck Beck, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG); Maynard Goldman, Island Alliance; Cathy Douglas Stone, City of Boston, Office of Environmental Services; George Price, National Park Service (NPS); Holly Richardson for Brian Broderick, Metropolitan District Commission (MDC); Doug MacDonald, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority; Jim Doolin, Massachusetts Port Authority; Alden Gifford, Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center (TIOBEC).

Cathy Douglas Stone, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum.

Approval of minutes from February 20, 2001

Alden Gifford made a motion to accept the minutes of February 20, 2001.

The motion was approved.

Awards Presentation

Several members of the Partnership and the Advisory Council were awarded certificates and pins for their service on behalf of the islands. Partnership members Phil Lemnios, Doug MacDonald, and Rob Moir were recognized. Phil was recently elected Co-chair of the Advisory Council and will no longer hold his position on the Partnership as Voting Alternate for the council. Doug is leaving his position as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and is stepping down as Voting Alternate. (He has accepted the position of Secretary of Transportation for the State of Washington.) Advisory Council member Rob will no longer serve as Voting Member on the Partnership. He will remain active in the council as an ex-officio member in the Education and Cultural Interest Group representing Hampshire College.

Other Advisory Council members honored were Suzanne Gall Marsh and Jack Wiggin. Suzanne is leaving her position as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Council and has been elected by the Council to serve as Voting Alternate on the Partnership. Jack is leaving his position as Chair of the Advisory Council, but will remain active in the Education and Cultural Interest Group. All were individually recognized for their personal dedication and contributions to Boston Harbor Islands.

Island Alliance Report

Maynard Goldman, President, reported on the fundraising activities of the Island Alliance over the past four years. He was very pleased with the results, and presented a graph that showed the growth since 1997. This year, Island Alliance met their goal of raising \$1 million. The goal for 2001 is \$ 1.1million and Maynard was optimistic that it could be met. The Alliance will focus on revenue generating activities this year. He announced that Doug Welch has accepted the position as Business Development Director and will lead efforts in that area. He introduced Barbara Waters, the new Development Director, whose focus will be obtaining donated revenue from foundations, corporations and individuals.

Kathy Abbott, Executive Director, described the approach, goals and objectives for the year 2001. The Partners requested a formal written report. A detailed report is attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports

Operations

The agencies are still assessing damage from the recent storms. Power outages, downed trees, erosion and seawall damage were reported.

The park continues to search for support to do a study on shore erosion processes. This study would identify sites of critical erosion, quantify the rates of erosion, and assess the role of storms, boat wakes and other natural processes responsible for the erosion.

The recent winter wildlife cruise was a success; it is hoped that winter programs will be expanded.

Marketing Committee

The Boston Harbor Cruises ferry brochure was reviewed at the last meeting.

David Kales has started work on a quarterly newsletter for the park. The first issue should come out in June or July.

The Island Alliance strategic marketing group has been working on a branding initiative that they will present to the park's Marketing Committee at the next meeting.

Advisory Council Report

Jack Wiggins reported on the annual meeting March 7. He said that it was very well attended. This was the first time that a social was held before the meeting. He expressed thanks on behalf of the council to Mary Raczko and Carolanne Brown for their efforts arranging the event.

Elections were held at the annual meeting. Phil Lemnios and Tom Lindberg will were elected as Co-chairs. Mary Corcoran was elected as Vice-chair. He announced the other election results. A current list of Advisory Council members is attached.

The council continues work to create a speaker series and is planning an island clean up. A bylaws review committee was formed.

Public Comment

Gary McCann, Muhheconneuk Intertribal Committee on Deer Island (MICDI), introduced Lt. Governor Michael Bear of the Penobscot Nation. Lt. Governor Bear announced a meeting of Indian Tribes that would be held in Old Town, Maine on March 30. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues related to Boston Harbor Islands.

There was a 45-minute discussion between Partners, Native Americans, and the general public about the origin/role of the Muhheconneuk Intertribal Committee on Deer Island and the National Park Service consultation process. During this discussion, Edith Andrews, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and Chris Montgomery, Nipmuc Nation both stated that the MICDI did not speak for their Tribes.

The Children's Museum is hosting a lecture series on Wampanoag culture. The next lecture is about repatriation and will be held on March 22 at 4:30. All were invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.