

**Boston Harbor Islands Partnership
Meeting Minutes
Hale & Dorr, 60 State Street, 26th Floor
June 15, 2004, 3:00 PM – 4:45 PM**

Attendees: Joe Ferrino and Bill Hale—Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; Cathy Douglas Stone and Andrea d’Amato—City of Boston, Department of Environmental Services; Maynard Goldman and Tom Powers—Island Alliance; Marianne Connolly for Fred Laskey—Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA); George Price and Terry Savage—National Park Service (NPS).

Cathy Douglas Stone, Vice-chair, called the meeting to order.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 18, 2004. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

Opening Comments

Maynard Goldman enthusiastically introduced Tom Powers, the new President of Island Alliance. Tom said that this was his first official day in the position and that he was looking forward to working with everyone.

Peddocks Island

Doug Welch, Island Alliance, reported that the team continues to work with the Massachusetts Historical Commission as they investigate geology and potential groundwater sources on the island. Drilling is expected to commence next week.

Doug said that they submitted a grant to the Amelia Peabody Foundation for \$1M to rehabilitate the chapel on the island. Based on previous successes with the foundation and a letter written by John F. Kennedy supporting the restoration of the chapel, they are hopeful that it is a compelling project.

Doug said that the asbestos remediation of the guardhouse will begin this summer. Bargmann Hendrie & Archetype is managing the project which is funded by the NPS and Duke Energy remediation monies. This will be a very visible project; informational signs will be placed on the island to educate visitors about the work.

Doug informed the Partnership that Island Alliance has entered into preliminary dialogue with the Town of Hull regarding wind power. This is the very beginning of discussions about exploring possibilities, no commitments have been made. The Town of Hull has proposed to move the existing turbine (currently at Pemberton Point) to Peddocks Island, so that they can install a larger turbine that would generate more electricity for the town. The turbine on Peddocks could provide the power needed for the island and any surplus generated could be then sold to Hull, thus creating a revenue stream. George Price added that Peddocks was part of the UMASS study “Predevelopment of Renewables on the Boston Harbor Islands” and that several potential sites were already identified on Peddocks. He also added that these are just exploratory discussions to see if a turbine

might be economically feasible and have production potential. There are many serious issues such as compliance needs including those of the Massachusetts Historical Commission that would need to be addressed to the satisfaction of all the parties involved before any decision to move forward could be made.

Spectacle Island

Doug reported on the status of Spectacle Island. The landfill leachate circulation system has failed. This system has direct links to the gray water system of the visitor center. The island owners, DCR and the City of Boston will not accept the island in its current state, and the island can not open to the public until the system is fixed, all construction meets approval and the transfer of ownership occurs. George Price said that planning for the opening continues. This year the state had hired three rangers and the NPS hired one ranger specifically for the opening of Spectacle. They are working as a team planning for the opening of the island and preparing for visitors.

Planning Committee

Bruce Jacobson announced that there would be a joint meeting of the Finance and Planning committees on June 29, to discuss park priorities for funding by the NPS. He encouraged all Partners to send a representative.

Marketing Committee

Doug Welch presented the new map posters of the park developed by NPS and Island Alliance. The posters will be available at the Island Store at Fan Pier.

Doug said that the Island Alliance is co-chairing an event with Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Conventions during the DNC. The boat cruise through the park will have a focus on renewable energy.

Doug reported that Island Alliance is in the process of designing new letterhead using the park logo; the Island Alliance logo will be dropped as part of the unified branding effort. Island Alliance letterhead will bear a tagline distinguishing it from the park letterhead.

George Price mentioned that with the assistance of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, directional signs have been placed around Long Wharf that direct people to the Harbor Island ferry. Also, the City of Boston helped to place park light pole banners near the Marriott Long Wharf at Christopher Columbus Park.

Operations

Peter Rosen, Northeastern University Geologist, and Zoë Hughes, Boston University Postdoctoral Research Scholar, gave presentations about the boat wake study which will begin this summer on the islands (both presentations attached).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.