

**Boston Harbor Islands Partnership  
Meeting Minutes  
Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP  
60 State Street, 26<sup>th</sup> floor, Boston, MA  
January 16, 2007, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM**

**Attendees:** Maureen Cavanaugh and Charlie Norris—Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council; James Hunt and Antonia Pollak—City of Boston, Office of Environmental and Energy Services; Betsy Shure Gross, Susan Kane and Karl Pastore—Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR); Bruce Jacobson—National Park Service (NPS); Arthur Pearson—Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center (TIOBEC); Peg Wheeler—The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR); CDR Fred Myer—United States Coast Guard (USCG).

Betsy Shure Gross, Chair, called the meeting to order and the Partners introduced themselves. The minutes of the November 21 meeting were approved.

**State of the Park**

Bruce Jacobson gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting progress over the park's first 10 years. The Partners then gave presentations on plans for each agency for 2007 and beyond. All PowerPoint presentations are attached.

Arthur Pearson, Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the organization's mission, programs and opportunities. The focus of TIOBEC will be on youth programming, citizen science, and education. Public access will be on Sundays this year, with transportation available from EDIC pier and from Spectacle Island.

Peg Wheeler, The Trustees of Reservations, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the priorities for Worlds End and explained how these priorities fit into the park themes. The Trustees will continue to concentrate on resource protection and conservation while assuring that there are opportunities for the public to enjoy and learn about the historic and natural features of the property.

Susan Kane, DCR, gave a PowerPoint presentation on four areas of focus regarding the Harbor Islands. They included capital improvements, transportation and fleet management, visitor services, and increasing operational effectiveness.

Jim Hunt, City of Boston Environmental and Energy Services, said that Spectacle Island continues to be a priority for the city. He said that they were very pleased with the accomplishments so far, and continues to plan for the future. He also mentioned that Mayor Menino is continuing to work on developing appropriate public uses of Long Island.

CDR Fred Myer said that USCG is committed to the public programming on Little Brewster Island. Bids came in extremely high for a permanent floating dock, prohibiting the start of construction in a project funded by NPS. They are still working to improve the dock; the temporary dock owned by Massport will be available for use this season. Nixes Mate, Long Island Light and Graves Light were mentioned and are also maintained by the Coast Guard.

Because of limited time, the NPS, MWRA and Island Alliance will give their reports at the March meeting.

### **Advisory Council**

Charlie Norris reported that the council met on December 6. Excerpts from the DVD *Living in Two Worlds: Native American Experiences on the Boston Harbor Islands* were shown. This DVD is part of a middle school curriculum and was produced with help from members of council in the Native American interest group. The council also discussed membership issues and continued planning the 2007 annual meeting. The meeting will be held on Spectacle Island on March 7 and Kathy Abbott, Executive Director of the Conservation and Recreation Campaign, will be the featured speaker.

### **Public Comment**

Steve Marcus, Friends and Volunteers of the Boston Harbor Islands, said that the annual New Year's Day trip went to Spectacle this year instead of Thompson Island. He said that despite the poor weather the trip was a success.

Steve Kirk, Boston Water Bus, said that he looks forward to working with the Partnership.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.