

**Boston Harbor Islands Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**New England Aquarium**  
**Central Wharf, Boston, MA**  
**September 4, 2002, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Greg Ketchen, Chair, welcomed all. There was not a quorum. Greg introduced Secretary Bob Durand, Chair of the Partnership.

**Partnership Retreat**

Secretary Durand reported on the July 31 retreat held for Partners (including the Advisory Council representatives) on Thompson Island. He said that was a day of teambuilding and an opportunity to have general conversations about some of the challenges ahead. A specific concept that the group felt warranted further discussion was a more focused approach to implementing major new initiatives in the Park on five islands, Georges, Deer, Long, Peddocks and Spectacle. The group discussed the issue. Greg Ketchen added that focusing on a few islands does not mean that they are giving up on the others. Sam Overton Bussell added that this could bring a broader focus to park-wide projects and benefit the park as a whole. Partners will have an opportunity to get involved in projects even if it is not their island. The Planning Committee is working on revising the strategic timeline concept. It will be presented at the next Partnership meeting.

**Revegetation Project**

Adaela McLaughlin, Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands, gave a presentation about the revegetation project. She gave a history of the project and the current status and challenges. The group discussed. Bob Durand and Samantha Overton Bussell gave their general support for the project; Sam offered to help with interpretive signage needs on Lovells. Bruce Jacobson stated that the revegetation project predated the National Park. He stated that when it comes to native plants and restoration there are many factors to carefully consider, such as selecting which time period will be focused on and the specific types of plants desired among others. Bruce stated that the park managers will be in a better position to determine this once the science/I&M program is completed and a comprehensive natural resource management plan is developed. George Price added that we appreciated all the efforts of the volunteer revegetation project and look forward to working together with them as natural resource goals are identified through the science efforts.

**Predevelopment of Renewables**

Jack Wiggin reported on the Predevelopment of Renewables on Boston Harbor Islands. He passed out a project description and status (attached). The group discussed. There was general support of the project, and all were looking forward to the feasibility report.

**Nomination Process**

Greg Ketchen listed the vacancies on the council and asked the interest group leads to get the nominations finalized as soon as possible.

Greg said that Marriane Farrington from the New England Aquarium is interested in becoming active in the council, either as a member or an ex-officio.

### **Seasonal Observations**

Members shared their observations about the summer season. There were very positive reports about the staff on the islands. Other issues were discussed. John Dinga said that he appreciated that dingys that were available for public use on some of the islands but noticed that they were not available on all the islands. Karen O'Donnell suggested the MDC look into bio-diesel fuel for the generator on Georges. Sam Overton Bussell said that the MDC is working with DEP on a solution for the problem with the generator. Ed McCabe asked about the progress of asbestos mitigation on Gallops. The lack of trashcans on Georges was discussed and the problem of educating visitors that were used to trash service being provided. The status of the LCM was discussed. Concerns regarding staff shortages, water service interruptions and extra Clivus units were addressed.

### **Park Update**

George Price said that the park received great amount of positive publicity this year.

He announced three projects that are moving ahead with funding from the NPS: Georges Island safety railing and walkway project, dock and pier repair work on DEM islands, and an erosion, wave and wake study. Kathy Abbott introduced the new park poster.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM

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 Meeting Attendance

**VOTING MEMBERS**

1. Edith Andrews	<b>X</b>
2. Regina Burke	
3. Stephen Comer	
4. Mary Corcoran, Vice Chair	<b>X</b>
5. Peter Davidoff	
6. John Dinga	<b>X</b>
7. Bernie Dreibratt	
8. Joe Ferrino	
9. Patricia Foley* (Ben Kelly)	<b>X</b>
10. William Giezentanner	
11. Bill Hale*	<b>X</b>
12. Carl Johnson	<b>X</b>
13. Seth Kaplan	
14. Greg Ketchen, Chair	<b>X</b>
15. Phil Lemnios	
16. John Lewis	
17. Vivien Li	
18. Vacant Seat, Community	
19. Vacant Seat, Municipalities	
20. Suzanne Gall Marsh ^ <b>LOA</b>	<b>X</b>
21. Ellen McBride*	
22. Ed McCabe	<b>X</b>
23. Sherman Morss	
24. Linda Poolaw*	
25. Bill Reardon*	<b>X</b>
26. John Sam Sapiel	
27. Claudia Smith-Reid	<b>X</b>
28. Jack Wiggin	<b>X</b>

^Leave of absence

\* Does not have voting status yet

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Ex officio (Education)

Russ Bowles	<b>X</b>
Dotty Merrill	
Rob Moir	
Sukey Padawar	
Peter Rosen	
David Weinstein	

Ex officio (Community)

Sha-King Alston	
Lorraine Downey	

Ex officio (Environmental)

Marci Tyre	
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Ex officio (Municipalities)

Dan Condon Congressman William Delahunt	
Jim Gordon Congressman Stephen Lynch	
Gregg Nolan Congressman Michael Capuano	
Mark Racicot Metropolitan Area Planning Council	

Ex officio (Native American)

Hiawatha Brown	
Mildred McCowan	<b>X</b>
Chris Montgomery	<b>X</b>

**OTHERS**

Kathy Abbott	<b>X</b>
Sam Overton Bussell	<b>X</b>
Bob Durand	<b>X</b>
Bruce Jacobson	<b>X</b>
Peter Lewenberg	<b>X</b>
George Price	<b>X</b>
Mary Raczko	<b>X</b>
Doug Welch	