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City of Boston Conservation Commission
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
Boston City Hall, Hearing Room 801
Boston, Massachusetts, 02201

June 18, 2014

Commissioners Present: Aldo Ghirin, Jacob Kritzer, Stephen Kunian, John Sullivan,

Commissioners Not Present: Charles Button, Vivien Li, Michael Wilson

Staff Present: Stephanie Krueel, Executive Secretary

- **Motion made by J. Kritzer and seconded by A. Ghirin to appoint Stephen Kunian as the meeting chair (4/0/0 6:07 pm).**
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6:07 PM Notice of Intent for **DEP File No. 006-1395** from the US Coast Guard for Deer Island Light Replacement, Deer Island, Boston Harbor (Land Under Ocean)

Representatives: Rebecca Skalaski, Childs Engineering Corp; Alfred, US Coast Guard

R. Skalaski described the project to replace the existing light tower with a pile-supported light structure 125 feet south of the existing structure with the light at the same elevation. 4 steel-pipe piles and a structural framed platform with a steel framed light tower.

J. Sullivan asked if the old light would come down. Ms. Skalaski replied that the entire structure will be demolished and the steel sheet pile wall will be cut at the mudline. This structure has been replaced in the past. The existing rip rap will remain. Any large stone within the steel cofferdam would also remain.

J. Kritzer asked if it is possible that everything won't be removed. Ms. Skalaski replied that as long as there is funding, the entire structure will be removed, and that is what the permit will approve.

Mr. Kritzer asked why the same site couldn't be used.

S. Kunian asked where the debris will be disposed of. Ms. Skalaski replied that the contractor will dispose of it as per the regulations.

Mr. Kunian asked if any outfalls would be affected. Ms. Skalaski replied that they would not.

J. Sullivan remarked that the outfalls are old and are used for emergency purposes. He believed they would not be harmed as a result of this project.

Ms. Kunian asked if there would be any temporary lighting during construction. The Coast Guard replied that the new light will be built first and then the old light will be demolished to ensure continuous lighting.

S. Krueel remarked that the letter from the Division of Marine Fisheries indicated they have no concerns with the project.

Mr. Kunian asked about the wreck indicated on the site plan. Ms. Skalaski was not familiar with the wreck.

Mr. Kritzer expressed concern about the possibility that everything won't be removed. Mr. Sullivan noted that if the entire structure isn't removed an amendment would be necessary.

- **Motion made by A. Ghirin and seconded by J. Kritzer to issue the Order of Conditions as written (4/0/0 6:17 PM)**
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6:18 PM Notice of Intent for **DEP File No. 006-1397** from Boston Water & Sewer Commission for Rehabilitation of Outfall 065, 25 Dorchester Ave, Downtown, Fort Point Channel (Land Under Ocean)

Representatives: Tom Daly, BWSC; Marc Caufield, Green International Affiliates

J. Sullivan recused himself from the hearing.

T. Daly described the project. Outfall 065 rarely conveys sewer overflow and mainly conveys stormwater. Rehabilitation is required due to sedimentation and damage. Mr. Caufield described existing conditions and the resource area that will be impacted, which is nearshore Land Under Ocean. The pipe will be slip-lined and the exterior will be grouted to ensure structural integrity. A steel pile cofferdam with a concrete slab floor will be constructed at the outfall to allow access for equipment and personnel. Sediment will be trucked off-site for disposal. The granite block seawall, built in 1899, will not be altered. The concrete slab and cofferdam will be removed upon completion and the land under ocean will be restored to its original condition. A small section of concrete slab will remain to absorb energy from the water exiting the outfall. A silt curtain will be deployed to reduce turbidity. There are no habitats to disturb in the Fort Point Channel.

S. Krueel noted that she will add a condition for a TOY restriction.

T. Daly noted that the U.S. Postal Service has imposed condition that work must be done between June and September because that is their lightest period and the proposed work will disrupt their trucking operations. He added that work will take approximately 6 months. Ms. Krueel noted that the TOY just applies to the sediment-disturbing work itself, and it would only apply to the installation and removal of the cofferdam.

Ms. Krueel suggested that the applicant could approach DMF for a waiver recommendation if necessary.

Mr. Kunian asked when work was planned to begin. Mr. Daly replied that they hope to start in March.

- **Motion made by A. Ghirin and seconded by J. Kritzer to issue the Order of Conditions (3/0/1 6:38 pm)**

6:39 PM *Updates and General Business*

- Review of Minutes: 6/4/14- postponed
- S. Krueel stated that the July 2nd hearing would be canceled due to lack of filings. The next hearing will take place on July 16th.

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- **Motion made by J. Kritzer and seconded by A. Ghirin to adjourn the meeting (4/0/0 6:40 PM).**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Krueel

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Executive Secretary