

# Bay State Council of Divers

Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2016

Meeting held at the SSN's Clubhouse, Quincy, MA 7:50-8:50 PM

## Attendees:

John	Blackadar	SSN
Jim	Brady	OCA
Angelo	Correnti	SSN / BSC President
Ken	Hayes	SSN
Teri	Hayes	SSN – terih@mit.edu
Mary	Howard	NSF / BSC Secretary
Vin	Malkoski	DMF / Sea Rovers
Ted	Maney	Salem State University
Mike	Vaughan	SSN
Jeannine	Willis	SSN
Carl	Yngve	SSN

## Organizations represented include:

MA Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF)  
North Shore Frogmen's Club (NSF)  
Old Colony Amphibians (OCA)  
Salem State University  
Sea Rovers  
South Shore Neptunes (SSN)

## Beach Access issue

**Hull:** Ken went to town of Hull town manager and conservation commission. Con com had already started to put together a public access map. They are looking for a letter from BSC requesting a map of public access points so they can direct their new appointees to put together this info. They have issues with people using old access points, and having police come along and stop them even though they were in the right. Hull has allocated funds, but now they need a request to actually get the work done. It would be good to have letters from others also. The letters need to request access points, restrictions, and parking locations; parking should be noted somewhere. We are looking not just a map of boat ramps, rather complete information on an easily accessible online site. The town has the information but it is not easily available, in hard-copy archives. It would be good to do this along with Mass Bass. Letter needs to be done ASAP request an accessible map, readily available from a website, showing access and parking that all user groups can access.

Blackie noted that **Marshfield** residents on private roads don't want others using the access points to the beaches.

**Rockport** has a Rights of Way Committee. Mary brought info from their website, including meeting minutes and links

Mike Vaughan attended a **Mass Bass** meeting, met Patrick Paquette lobbyist ([basicpatrick@aol.com](mailto:basicpatrick@aol.com), 781-771-8374) and Mike Jones, president of Mass Bass (508-524-1363). Mike and Blackie could go to one of their meetings and bring up about writing a letter to town of Hull.

**Watersport Users:** Ted brought a list of kayak, paddleboard and surf shops in MA. We need to draft a letter to send to these people and Mass Bass.

**Sea Rovers Forum:** Ted and Vin will draft a letter of invitation to attend Sea Rovers to send to user groups, shops, etc. Mary to send out letter in 1<sup>st</sup> week of February.

**Objective** of meeting at Sea Rovers: to kick off a campaign to the public to make them aware of the lack of public access to the ocean. Need to get as much info as possible from people who want access.

**Goal** is to get volunteers to join a committee to find out as much beach access information from their towns as possible, to gather contact information so as to set up future meetings. We have a workshop room for Sunday afternoon at Sea Rovers. BSC can coordinate the effort, rather than have people/groups go their own ways. May even get a lobbyist.

South shore rep for CZM is Jason Burtner out of Scituate.

### **Action Items:**

Mary will generate and email BSC letterhead to Ken and Teri. (done 1/23/16)

Vin will send Mary time and room for the event at Sea Rovers. (done 2/11/16 – date Sunday March 6, 2-3PM)

Ted will email Mary list of Watersport User Groups and Shops (done 1/21/16)

Ken will draft a letter to Hull based on the Rockport website info.

Ted and Vin will draft invitation letter for BSC event for Mary to send out first week of Feb. (done 2/11/16. Amended letter sent to [Announce@baystatecouncil.org](mailto:Announce@baystatecouncil.org) and to water sports user groups 2/13/16 and 1/14/16. Request to Michael Prange to put letter on BSC website 2/13/16.)

### **BSC Treasure Hunt** Sept 18, 2016

### **Other Items of Interest**

**NSF presentation** on diving in Cayman Islands, Bloody Bay Wall, tomorrow night – Salem.

**Neptune Banquet** is on Jan 30 (60<sup>th</sup> anniversary), contact Ken Hayes 617-462-3920, text or phone, \$30 per person.

**Next meeting:** Feb 17, snow date Feb 24 or Mar 2.