

SUBCHAPTER LVII—BOSTON NATIONAL
HISTORICAL PARK

§ 410z. Establishment

(a) Acquisition of properties by donation or with donated funds

In order to preserve for the benefit and inspiration of the people of the United States as a national historical park certain historic structures and properties of outstanding national significance located in Boston, Massachusetts, and associated with the American Revolution and the founding and growth of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") may, in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, acquire by donation or by purchase with donated funds, all lands and improvements thereon or interests therein comprising the following described areas:

- (1) Faneuil Hall, located at Dock Square, Boston;
- (2) Paul Revere House, 19 North Square, Boston;
- (3) The area identified as the Old North Church area, 193 Salem Street, Boston;
- (4) The Old State House, Washington and State Streets, Boston;
- (5) Bunker Hill, Breeds Hill, Boston;
- (6) Old South Meeting House, Milk and Washington Streets, Boston;
- (7) Charlestown Navy Yard; and
- (8) Dorchester Heights, Boston.

(b) Acquisition of properties with appropriated funds

In the event that the properties described in this section are not donated to the United States or purchased with donated funds, they may be acquired by the Secretary with appropriated funds: *Provided*, That, except for privately held lands within the Charlestown Navy Yard as described in subsection (d) of this section, the Secretary shall not acquire any such properties by eminent domain so long as he determines that a binding, written cooperative agreement, assuring the preservation and historical integrity of such properties remains in force and effect. Lands owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any of its political subdivisions, may be acquired only by donation.

(c) Publication of notice

At such time as the Secretary determines that sufficient lands, improvements, and interests therein have been acquired or that cooperative agreements satisfying the preservation and historical objective of this subchapter have been executed, he may establish the Boston National Historical Park by publication of notice to that effect in the Federal Register, together with a detailed description or map setting forth the properties included therein.

(d) Charlestown Navy Yard

As used in this section, the Charlestown Navy Yard shall include the United States Ship Constitution and the lands generally depicted on the map entitled "Boundary Map: Charlestown Naval Shipyard—U.S.S. Constitution, Boston National Historical Park", numbered BONA 20,000 and dated March 1974 which shall be on file

and available in the offices of the Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. As used in this section, the Charlestown Navy Yard shall also include the properties known as the Ropewalk and Tar House and the Chain Forge and Round House, designated on such map as buildings numbered 58, 60, and 105. All right, title, and interest in the Federal properties and improvements included therein shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That he may, by written agreement with the Secretary of the Navy, permit the continued use of any such buildings and facilities as the Secretary of the Interior determines to be necessary for the preservation and maintenance of the Constitution, which agreement shall provide that the Department of the Navy shall transfer to the Department of the Interior funds sufficient to cover the costs attributable to the functions and services which are provided by the Department of the Interior. The Secretary shall consult with representatives of the city of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts concerning the development of suitable transportation plans consistent with the purposes for which the Navy Yard was included in the historical park and the Secretary is authorized to grant, in accordance with such terms and conditions as he deems necessary and consistent with the purposes of this subchapter, easements and rights-of-way to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any political subdivision thereof including the Boston Redevelopment Authority for purposes of the vehicular, pedestrian and utility access to that portion of the Boston Navy Yard outside the boundaries of the Park. Such grants of easements and rights-of-way shall be upon the express condition that the grantee convey to the United States the property known as Building No. 107, being a part of the Boston Navy Yard and owned by the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

(Pub. L. 93-431, § 2, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1184; Pub. L. 95-625, title III, § 310(a), (d), Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3478; Pub. L. 96-344, § 5, Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1134.)

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1980—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 96-344 inserted provision including within the Charlestown Navy Yard properties known as the Ropewalk and Tar House and the Chain Forge and Round House, designated as buildings numbered 58, 60, and 105.

1978—Subsec. (a)(8). Pub. L. 95-625, § 310(a), added par. (8).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 95-625, § 310(d), authorized grant of easements and rights-of-way for vehicular, pedestrian and utility access to the Boston Navy Yard outside the boundaries of the Boston National Historical Park upon express condition that the grantee convey to the United States the part of the Boston Navy Yard owned by the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 93-431, § 1, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1184, provided: "That this Act [enacting this subchapter] may be cited as the 'Boston National Historical Park Act of 1974'."

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Pub. L. 95-625, title III, §310(c), Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3478, provided that: "There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the acquisition of lands or interests in lands designated by subsection (a) of this section [enacting subsec. (a)(8) of this section] as a component of the Boston National Historical Park, and for the development of such component."

§ 410z-1. Acquisition of additional sites**(a) Studies**

In addition to the properties described in section 410z of this title, the Secretary shall study the properties described in this section to determine the feasibility and suitability of including them within the Boston National Historical Park. In making such studies, he may enter into tentative agreements with any owners thereof for their inclusion in said park and he may enter into options, for a nominal consideration, for the purchase of such properties, but no additional properties may be added to the park except by an act of the Congress. Studies shall be made of the following properties:

- (1) Boston Common;
- (2) Dillaway-Thomas House;
- (3) Thomas Crease House (old Corner Book Store); and
- (4) the following burying grounds: King's Chapel, Granary, and Copp's Hill.

(b) Cooperative agreements authorized

(1) In furtherance of the general purposes of this subchapter as prescribed in section 410z of this title, the Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the city of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any private organization to mark, interpret, restore, and/or provide technical assistance for the preservation and interpretation of any properties listed in section 410z of this title, or portions thereof, which, in his opinion, would best be preserved in private, municipal, or State ownership, in connection with the Boston National Historical Park. Such agreements shall contain, but shall not be limited to, provisions that the Secretary, through the National Park Service, shall have right of access at all reasonable times to all public portions of the property covered by such agreement for the purpose of conducting visitors through such properties and interpreting them to the public, that no changes or alterations shall be made in such properties except by mutual agreement between the Secretary and the other parties to such agreements, except that no limitation or control of any kind over the use of any such properties customarily used for church purposes shall be imposed by any agreement. The agreements may contain specific provisions which outline in detail the extent of the participation by the Secretary in the restoration, preservation, and maintenance of such historic properties.

(2) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Boston Public Library to provide for the distribution of informational and interpretive materials relating to the park and to the Freedom Trail.

(c) Identification and marking of significant historical sites

The Secretary may identify other significant sites of the colonial and Revolutionary periods of American history in the city of Boston, Massachusetts, and its environs, which are related to the historical park created by this subchapter, and, with the consent of the owner or owners thereof, may mark them appropriately and make reference to them in any interpretive literature.

(Pub. L. 93-431, §3, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1185; Pub. L. 95-625, title III, §310(b), Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3478; Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title V, §504, Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4155.)

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1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-333 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1978—Subsec. (a)(4), (5). Pub. L. 95-625 struck out par. "(4) Dorchester Heights; and" and redesignated par. (5) as (4).

§ 410z-2. Boston National Historical Park Advisory Commission**(a) Establishment; membership**

There is established a Boston National Historical Park Advisory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") which shall be composed of members appointed by the Secretary as follows:

- (1) Three members appointed from recommendations submitted by the Governor of Massachusetts;
- (2) Three members appointed from recommendations submitted by the mayor of the city of Boston; and
- (3) One member to represent each owner with which the Secretary has concluded a cooperative agreement pursuant to section 410z-1 of this title, to be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such owner.

(b) Termination of Commission

The Commission shall terminate ten years from the date of establishment of the Boston National Historical Park.

(c) Vacancies; chairman

A vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment (and for the balance of the unexpired term). The Chairman of the Commission shall be designated by the Secretary.

(d) Majority rule

The Commission shall act and advise by affirmative vote of a majority of its members.

(e) Consultation between Secretary and Commission

The Secretary or his designee shall from time to time, but at least semiannually, consult with the Commission with respect to matters relating to the development of the Boston National Historical Park.

(f) Compensation; payment of expenses

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation as such. The Secretary is au-