

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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AMENDMENTS

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 authorized to pay the expenses reasonably incurred by the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities under this subchapter upon presentation of vouchers signed by the Chairman.

(Pub. L. 93-431, § 4, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1185.)

§ 410z-3. Visitor center

The Secretary may acquire property or any interest therein by donation, purchase, or exchange for the visitor center, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated for the development and operation of the visitor center may be expended on property in which the Secretary has acquired less than the fee simple interest therein, including a leasehold interest.

(Pub. L. 93-431, § 5, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1186.)

§ 410z-4. Administration

When established as provided in section 410z of this title, the Boston National Historical Park shall be administered by the Secretary in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended and supplemented (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.),¹ and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461-467).¹

(Pub. L. 93-431, § 6, Oct. 1, 1974, 88 Stat. 1186.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended and supplemented (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), referred to in

¹ See References in Text note below.