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To: Fox, Charles [REDACTED]
Cc: Mann, Melissa [REDACTED] Pollman, Howard [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [External] Erie Times-News article on Brig Niagara overhaul

Very interesting! The mysteries are never-ending here. – thank you! - JIM

From: Fox, Charles <[REDACTED]>
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Jim,

He is referring to the *capital* project to rebuild the US Brig Niagara. The authorization and the pot of money for the project still exist - indeed, the funding amount was increased by PHMC to \$7 million. We tried to award contracts for the project twice but failed due to the estimates far exceeding budget, so in the interim we are scheduling the series of Keystone repairs to Niagara that are just getting underway (the transom repairs, waterway repairs, etc.) while we study how best to maximize the capital funding to repair and rebuild Niagara most efficiently and effectively.

So, in short, the current repairs are being made from a different funding source (Keystone), and the capital funding for Niagara repairs exists and has been set aside while we decide how best to maintain and rebuild Niagara so it can sail for decades to come.

Charlie

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Good Morning, Mr. Fox (& Co.) !

So I just had a call w/ a local newspaper reporter A.J. Rao who was asking me “whatever happened with the \$4.8 million set aside by former Gov. Corbett for an overhaul of Niagara?”. I told him that I certainly didn’t know of any \$4.8 mill pot of \$\$\$ set aside for Niagara & he just sent me this article circa Oct. 2016. You can see what he’s referencing about 1/2 -way through the article.

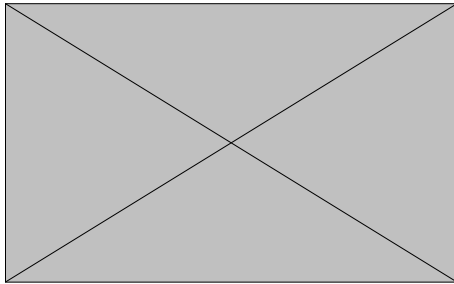
I’m feeling pretty sure that either that \$\$ was never set aside to begin with OR it was diverted elsewhere within the CWOPA budget but I thought I’d inquire with you before this would come up again!!

I told him that I loved the idea of a pot of \$\$ like that for Brig repairs but that the \$400K that we’re into for this current lay-up wasn’t simple to come by and it certainly didn’t come from a \$4.8 million designated fund for Niagara repairs. ----- Just FYI! – Thanks, JIM

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Some extensive maintenance work awaits the U.S. Brig Niagara following a successful summer season of sail-training voyages and appearances at seven of nine Great Lakes tall ships festivals.

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A.J. Rao, Reporter