Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting October 15, 2019  
Fort Trumbull State Park  
New London, CT  

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT  

1. Call to Order – The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Gash at 09:06 am.  
CPC members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Chris Clark, Captain Beck, Captain Peszke,  
CPC Members Absent: Dave Pohyrolo, Ralph Gogliettino, Wynn Bohonon  
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore  
Public: Captain Costabile, Captain Jonas, Captain Toby, Captain Whitescarver, USCG Howell, Coleman, White, Chung.  

    Motion: Beck  
    Second: Eisele  
    Approved with corrections  
    Abstained:  

3. Public Comments – None  

4. U.S. Coast Guard - USCG Howell, Port Security Specialist wanted to address the Commission on confidential security protocols in place with the CT Pilots. There was no need to clear the room since the general public wasn’t present.  
    Captain Peszke noted a possible conflict with a “Notice of Arrival” from the Port of New York entering Long Island Sound to Port of New Haven. The USCG Sector New York stated that the vessel was not cleared and the pilot was directed to turn around (if safe) and proceed to anchorage. USCG NY stated it would take 96 hours to clear the vessel. A foreign vessel from NY to NH is usually 24.0 hours. The ship agent believed it was cleared. USCG will look into this matter.  

5. Executive Session – None  

6. Continuing Business  
   A. Pilot Safety & Training – CPA 6% Earmark Account  
      Mr. Gash brought this up at the CPA board meeting (October). Action is to be taken, timeline not known. Commission member Pohyrolo is expected to bring this topic up at the next CPA Finance Committee meeting. A Policy & Procedure will need to get developed if this is approved for reimbursement of services. Commissioner Beck took on the task to develop the Policy & Procedures for CPA board approval.  
   
   B. Recommendations for Legislative Revisions to CGS Chapter 263, Section 15-13.  
      Mr. Gash brought this up at the CPA board meeting (October). Salvatore will reach out to Office of Policy and Management for the appropriate form to get filled out. Salvatore will prepare and distribute for review.
C. Pilot Boarding Station-USCG Response/Update.
   USCG Commander Johnson was not present, will have to take this up again at the next meeting. No status change to the boarding station. Coordination of this change will be required with Rhode Island and New York.

7. New Business
   A. Pilot Boat Discussion – Replacement
      Current vessel is 39 years old, aluminum construction, engines have been replaced along with updated safety equipment.
      A new vessel will cost $2.0 million plus, roughly 55-60-feet LOA.
      Pilots have difficulty justifying a new vessel if the ship traffic to CT Ports doesn’t increase.
      Proposals to consider:
      Establish a capital fund to build a new vessel, add a fee to the current pilotage rates.
      Request to the state to finance the vessel, fees go towards payment of the loan.
      Should the rate structure get reviewed to add fees to pay for the build?
      Should this be a state responsibility, increase the boarding fee?
      CT Pilots should develop an Operations & Maintenance plan and bring back to the CPC for review and potential approval.


Next Meeting:

9:00 AM   Tuesday, November 19, 2019
New Haven Regional Fire Academy
200 Ella T. Grasso BLVD., New Haven, CT 06502