Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting September 17, 2019
New Haven Regional Fire Academy
New Haven, CT

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Gash at 09:01 am.
   CPC members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Ralph Gogliettino, Chris Clark, Captain Beck, Wynn Bohonon, Captain Peszke,
   CPC Members Absent: Dave Pohyrolo
   Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore
   Public: Captain Costabile, Captain Toby, Jerry, USCG Comdr. Johnson & Duffett

2. Summary Report – Approval of the July 2019 meeting summary.
   Motion: Bohonon
   Second: Eisele
   Approved
   Abstained: Beck, Bohonon, Peszke

3. Public Comments – None

4. U.S. Coast Guard - USCG Johnson introduced the new sector vessel safety inspector, John Duffett.
   Announced that the next Harbor Safety Forum will take place October 21st at Sector Long Island Sound, New Haven.

5. Continuing Business
   A. Pilot Safety & Training – CPA 6% Earmark Account
      Mr. Gash noted that he briefed the full CPA Board of Directors on the 6% Earmark.
      Acting Chair Kooris stated that the item will be deferred to next the CPA Board meeting for discussion.
   B. Recommendations for Legislative Revisions to CGS Chapter 263, Section 15-13.
      Mr. Gash noted that he briefed the full CPA Board of Directors on the reasoning for the revisions. This also was also deferred to the next CPA Board meeting for discussion.
      CPC approved a motion to move the Legislation to CPA for action.
      Motion: Beck
      Second: Eisele
      Approved

6. New Business
   A. Pilot Boarding Station Review
      Mr. Gash provided an overview of this topic;
      o Potential vessel traffic increase due to the State Pier Wind opportunity.
      o 140-200 estimated vessels per year.
      o Are there enough CT Licensed Pilot to do the rotation work?
      o Pilot fatigue to get to the designated boarding station.
      o Move station – less impact on fatigue.

      Captain Jonas offered his insight on the current boarding station vs. relocation;
      o A 2011 Port Access Study by the USCG was shelved and never implemented that would have recommended routes and course lines.
The current Boarding Station has a shoaled close to the station, and would impact 53’ draft vessels.
It is suggested that the station get moved +/- 3.0 miles south.

Nothing precludes pilots boarding in a “safe” location especially during bad weather. Regulations states; “reasonably close, safe and practicable........within the vicinity”.
USCG/NOAA would have to change the recommended route based on a recommendation from the CT Pilots. USCG stated they would look into this matter with Sector-SE New England Area.

7. Executive Session - No


**Next Meeting:**

9:00 AM  Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Fort Trumbull State Park
90 Walbach Street, New London, CT 06320