

Connecticut Port Authority
Executive Director's Report
February 1, 2017

Government Relations

State Bond Commission (2/1): The State Bond Commission is considering the following CPA request at its Special Meeting on 2/1. These funds are requested to finance various minor capital improvements and completion of the design for infrastructure improvements to the State Pier in New London. Funds are requested as follows: Total, This Request \$4,560,000

City of New Haven (1/5): met with New Haven Port Authority and City of New Haven Economic Development representatives to discuss their ideas on port development and ways in which the City and the CPA could work together.

Electric Boat Legislative Breakfast (1/9): attended the Legislative Briefing by Electric Boat outlining the increased production of submarines at Groton and Quonset Point.

Subbase New London Joint Land Use Study (1/11): participated in the Joint Land Use Study planning process as a key maritime stakeholder for the Thames River. CPA will be working with City and Town of Groton, New London, Waterford, Ledyard, Monteville, US Navy, and other entities on the base strategies to accommodate growth around Subbase New London.

DEEP (1/31): met with representatives from DEEP to discuss the creation and approval of the Piping Plover Monitoring Plan pursuant to the Housatonic River dredging project and beneficial reuse of material at Hammonasset State Park.

Business Development & Marketing

Mystic Seaport (1/11): met with Stephen White, President, and Chris Freeman, Director of Development, of Mystic Seaport to discuss ways in which to collaborate and host mutually beneficial programming.

Port of Davisville (1/12): met with Bob Blackburn, Port Director for the Port of Davisville in Rhode Island. Discussed ways in which we may be able to collaborate on regional port issues and cargo development.

New London Waterfront Management (1/12): met with Mayor Passero to discuss marketing and promoting New London city waterfront facilities to recreational boaters and larger yachts.

CT Pilot Commission

Commission Meeting (1/17): attended the monthly meeting of the CPC, continued to work with CPC on revising Pilotage written procedures, licensing of more pilots, qualification of apprentice pilots, and marine incident investigation procedures.

Deepwater Ports

Connecticut Maritime Coalition (1/17): met with members of the CMC in Milford to discuss regional port issues affecting the deepwater ports.

Bridgeport: CPA attended the monthly meeting of the CT Maritime Coalition in Bridgeport, and updated them on our work on the WRDA bill, and process for funding projects in 2017.

New London: continued to meet with the Thames River Maritime Working Group at Fort Trumbull coordinating on projects with the Cities of Groton and New London. Projects include Pier 7, State Pier Improvements, the Thames River Heritage Park, dock at the Nautilus, and a Harbor Management Plan for New London. CPA also continues to meet regularly with the RCDA on their development projects in and around Fort Trumbull.

New Haven: supported the New Haven Port Authority in the US Army Corps Feasibility Study of deepening the federal navigation channel in New Haven (see Dredging Report). CPA also met with the New Haven Economic Development Council and explored opportunities to work together.

Ship Calls: Connecticut State Pilots handled the following traffic in December:

New London	1
New Haven	11
Northville	0
Port Jefferson	0
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Small Harbors

Greenwich Harbor Management Plan: as part of statutory responsibilities, CPA is reviewing and providing comments on the Plan as part of its approval process.

Administration

Financials as of 12/31/2016

Total Operating Budget	\$857,830
Total Expenses	\$121,385
Balance Remaining	\$736,445

Dredging

Mianus River (1/11): site visit with Army Corps and Greenwich HMC. Project completed last week.

Housatonic River (1/12): pre-bid site visit at Hammonasset State Park Beach. (4) Contractors present, two large showed.

Long Island Sound Dredged Materials Management Plan (1/18-19): Held the Long Island Sound Steering Committee and Regional Dredge Team (RDT) meetings. Steering Committee charged the RDT with developing a process for performing assigned roles, resolve conflicts, oversee and guide RDT with baseline and analysis of placement alternatives, draft and approve MOA. RDT-update and restructure original charter consistent with the recommendations of the DMMP and requirements of the federal rule. Review proposed projects in pipeline that will go before the RDT. States members to identify funding mechanism for cost sharing of beneficial uses and other non-in-water alternatives. (SHIP)

New Haven Federal Navigation Study (1/24): Public Informational Meeting included: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping, New Haven Harbor Navigation Improvement Feasibility Impact Statement (EIS), Overview of the Project, Overview of NEPA process, Public comments or questions. Corps is seeking comments, recommendations on disposal alternatives, resiliency projects that may need clean dredge sediments. The project will generate up to 5.00 million cubic yards. Comment period closes February 24th.

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