

Deepwater Ports

New London State Pier Facility:

Since the Bond Commission approved \$4.5 million for our projects at the State Pier Facility on February 1, Staff have been preparing an RFP for engineering services to design and manage the improvements. Pending legal review, we hope to issue the RFP in the next 5-7 days. A Board Committee chaired by Terry Gilbertson will review the proposals and make a recommendation to the Board.

New Haven Deepening Feasibility Study:

Based on guidance from the Board at the February Board meeting, staff prepared written comments of the CPA that were submitted to the US Army Corps (USACE) during its public comment period for the Study. Staff will continue to work with the USACE and key stakeholders on the various economic impacts and disposal methods for the dredged materials.

Bridgeport Business Development & Marketing:

CPA continues to work with various private terminal interests on a range of marketing and business development activities in Bridgeport.

City of Bridgeport Waterfront Masterplan:

The City is conducting a waterfront master planning process. CPA has invited the City to make a presentation on this process to the Board in April or May. Staff also continue to explore areas in which the CPA can work with the City on maritime economic development projects.

Pier 7:

CPA has coordinated with DEEP and will execute an access agreement to Pier 7 for engineers to conduct an initial condition survey to develop cost estimates for capital maintenance and repairs. CPA will work with the Projects Committee and evaluate next steps with the cost estimates and how to proceed with OPM on funding improvements through the Bond Commission.

New London FTZ Commission:

CPA is working with Logistec and the New London FTZ Commission to work on some administrative changes that may lead to increases in cargo being handled in the New London FTZ.

Local Port Authorities:

CPA will begin to attend the Bridgeport, New London and New Haven Port Authority monthly meetings to brief their Boards on CPA activities and programs.

Small Harbors

SHIPP Launch:

The Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP) was officially launched this week on Monday, February 27, 2017 through a Request for Applications (RFA), which will be due by April 17. The Projects Committee will review the submissions, and make a formal recommendation to the Board at the May 3 meeting. The goal of the SHIPP RFA is to submit an approved package of projects to OPM for consideration and approval at the June or July meeting of the State Bond Commission.

Stonington Breakwater:

CPA Staff worked with the USACE to notify the Stonington Harbor Management Commission that the Old Stonington Harbor Breakwater has been de-authorized by Congress and transferred to State ownership. CPA will continue to help coordinate the transfer to the Town.

Housatonic River:

CPA continues to coordinate with the USACE on dredging bids, and the Stratford Harbor Management Commission on permitting activities and plover management plans for the beach nourishment project at Hammonasset State Park.

Strategic Planning Committee

Economic Impact & Maritime Strategy RFPs:

Don Frost has agreed to Chair the Strategic Planning Committee, which will guide staff in the development of the CPA Maritime Strategy and Statewide Economic Impact Study. Both efforts will be supported by consulting firms and selected by an RFP process.

Finance Committee

EIN and Operating Accounts:

CPA has applied for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS, and is pending approval. The Committee and Staff have made initial contact with Webster Bank to open an Operating Account. The Committee is also development policies on basic banking procedures. All bond funds will continue to be handled by DECD.

Connecticut Pilot Commission

Licensing of State Pilots:

CPA worked with legal counsel and the CPC to amend the Navigable Waters-Marine Pilots Procedures to facilitate the licensing of Apprentice Pilots into official Connecticut

State Pilots. Board Agenda Item 9 proposes to add the following condition to the licensing process:

Section III(b)(3)(A) Pilot Training Program - pg. 7 – ADD:

Round Trips accomplished prior to acceptance into the apprentice program may qualify as part of the overall round trip total for licensing provided these round trips meet the requirements set forth in this Program.

This new condition would allow the CPA in coordination with the CPC to expedite the issuing of a CT State License if necessary to those Apprentice Pilots with significant trips in Connecticut waters prior to entering the program.

Compulsory Pilotage for Private Yachts in CT Waters:

According to Connecticut General Statutes, Ch. 263, sec. 15-13c, Application of Connecticut Compulsory Pilotage Statute, all foreign-flag yachts and all U.S. flag yachts on international voyages are required by law to take a pilot when operating in the Connecticut waters of Long Island Sound, regardless of length, draft or tonnage. As enacted, sec. 15-15 provides no exemption for yachts. The Connecticut Pilot Commission has been dealing with issues arising out of the application of Connecticut's compulsory pilotage statute to yachts, and has been working with the Pilots and CPA Staff on possible solutions. CPA has reached out to the CT Marine Trades Association and other key stakeholders.

Marketing & Business Development

Branding & Collateral Materials:

CPA has been working with Adams & Knight on developing a basic brand and collateral materials, including a new logo, business cards, tradeshow booth materials, fact sheets, and PowerPoint templates. Staff have solicited 3 proposals for a website and will have the website up within 30-45 days. CPA continues to use the existing website created by DAS and DECD in the interim.

CMA Shipping 2017:

CPA will attend the CMA Shipping conference hosted by the Connecticut Maritime Association, and will be working with the Connecticut Maritime Coalition at their tradeshow booth(March 20-22).

Connecticut Maritime Coalition Speakers Conference:

CPA will be working with the CMC to host a panel discussion in May in New Haven.

Governors Economic Development Forum:

CPA has been invited to host a breakout session at the Governor's Economic Development Forum on March 21 in Hartford. The panel will focus on the role of the CPA in promoting and facilitating economic development in the maritime sector.

Government Relations

Long Island Sound Blue Plan:

CPA continues to work with DEEP on the development of the Long Island Sound Blue Plan.

Roundtable with US Senator Chris Murphy:

Senator Murphy will be hosting a roundtable discussion on the Port of New London on March 3 at the New London Public Library.

Administration

Office Space:

CPA has been to explore options for future office, including utilizing the State Pier Building as an interim base if necessary. CPA has also discussed space with the New Haven EDC and New Haven Port Authority.

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