**North Atlantic Ports Association (NAPA) – DEC 1**

Staff attended the semi- annual meeting of NAPA in Alexandria, VA to discuss regional port issues and national maritime policy. Evan also serves as the organization’s vice –president, and will become the President in June.

**Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP) – NOV 30**

The State Bond Commission approved the Connecticut Port Authority’s $4 million request to fund 18 projects under the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP). These projects cover a range of improvements including: marina repair, dredging, boat ramp facilities improvement, harbor management plans and feasibility studies. Joe continues to work with the communities to finalize the grant agreements.

**Hartford Boat Show – DEC 4**

On December 4th, staff met with the CT Marine Trades Association to discuss a CPA sponsorship of part of the show to promote its role in funding harbor projects through SHIPP.

**CT National Guard – DEC 5**

CPA hosted representatives from the New England central RR and the National Guard to discuss planning or utilizing the state pier and rail terminal for Intermodal Logistics in rapid mobilization of equipment by rail or by sea.

**Christmas Party – DEC 7**

The CPA hosted a reception in Old Saybrook for representatives throughout the maritime industry

**State Pier Engineering Study**

**CERC Studies and Research Support**

Staff continue to meet with CERC on a weekly basis to coordinate on market research supports tasks and to frame the economic impact studies of the maritime sector.

**Naugatuck Intermodal Terminal**

Staff met with representatives from DOT, Pan Am, and Metro North to coordinate planning and design to the rail yard in Naugatuck.

**Communications Support**

Staff met with Quinn & Hary to coordinate ongoing social media support and the development of collateral materials. We also met with Dealy Mahler Strategies to develop strategic communications supporting the roll-out of our maritime strategy in February 2018.

**CT Pilot Commission – DEC 12**

The CPA continue to staff the CT Pilot Commission pursuant to our Enabling legislation. This month, the Commission approved rate increases for pilotage by CT pilots. They are requesting that the CPA amend its written procedures to enact this rate increase (agenda item 12). The commission also has submitted a proposal to request a change to CT general statutes to limit the number of vessels subject to compulsory pilotage in CT waters. Since the CPA did not include any legislative changes in its annual report, this would require us to amend our annual report (agenda item 10).

**Vehicle replacement**

CPA has been utilizing a DECD vehicle that needs to be turned into DAS for replacement. Staff are exploring options for a CPA vehicle.

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