



Connecticut Port Authority Board of Directors

Special Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018 12:00 p.m.

455 Boston Post Road; Ste. 204, Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Attendance

- Board Members: Chairman Scott Bates, Terry Gilbertson; Parker Wise; Bonnie Reemsnyder; John Johnson; Grant Westerson;

Phone

- Phone: Commissioner Jim Redeker; Commissioner Catherine Smith; Zack Hyde; Pam Elkow; Don Frost; Brian Thompson;
- Phone Guest: Glenn Santoro; Christie Jean; Dean Pagani;
- Quorum: Yes
- Guests: Milan Bull, CT Audubon Society; Alicia Brothers, Quinn & Harry; Andrew Lavigne, Consultant
- CPA Staff: Evan Matthews, Executive Director, Joe Salvatore, Program Director; Gerri Lewis, Office Manager
- Absent: Deputy Commissioner Robert Kaliszewski; David Pohorylo; Sheree Mailhot; Nancy DiNardo;

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bates at 12:00 noon. He thanked the board members who came out to the meeting in the inclement weather. He thanked Executive Director Matthews for coming in to host the meeting.

Chairman Bates welcomed the newly appointed member, Grant Westerson to the board.

Approval of February minutes

A motion to approve the February 7, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Reemsnyder and was so VOTED unanimously.

Public Participation Relating to Agenda Items: None

CT Pilot Commission Report/CT Maritime Coalition Report: None

United States Coast Guard Report: None

Executive Director's Report: Executive Director Matthews gave his report as follows:

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

On 9 February the Connecticut Port Authority hosted a reception for local lawmakers, industry leaders, Connecticut residents, and other stakeholders at the 2018 Hartford Boat Show. A key sponsor of the event, the CPA was proud to partner with the Connecticut Maritime Trades Association to showcase all the ways to harness the power of our harbors and waterways.

PARTNER MEETINGS

On 9 February CPA met with the Connecticut Economic Research Center (CERC) to assist in their efforts to bring international companies (in the growth stage, primarily in manufacturing) to fit into gaps that CERC has identified in CT's local supply chain. CPA was introduced to some of CERC's consultants and gave an overview highlighting CPA's role in the CT business ecosystem.

On 13 February CPA attended the monthly meeting of the Connecticut Maritime Coalition (CMC). CPA introduced representatives from CERC, who briefed CMC attendees on the scope and methodology of the ongoing Economic Impact Analysis CPA has commissioned.

On 14 February CPA attended a stakeholders meeting organized by Congressman Joe Courtney to discuss developments in the NY/EPA ELDS suit.

EVENTS

On 23 February CPA attended the first Harbor Harvest Hybrid Keel Laying ceremony at Derecktor Shipyard in Mamaroneck, N.Y. The event marked a step forward in the development of Harbor Harvest's sustainable coastal shipping model. CPA is the public sponsor of the initiative.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Army News

Martin, Craig. "North Cove Dredging in Old Saybrook continues." Army News. 23 February 2018.

Shoreline Times

Turmelle, Luther. "Old Saybrook harbor dredging gets underway." Shoreline Times. 27 February 2018

New London Day

Bergman, Julia. "Record year of cargo shipments expected for State Pier." New London Day. 23 February 2018.

PRESS RELEASES

5 February: Connecticut Port Authority Holds Monthly Meeting In New London

6 February: Connecticut Port Authority to Sponsor “Welcome to Our Waters” Pavilion at Hartford Boat Show. CPA Promoting Economic Benefits of Recreational Boating.

CERC DATA

During the past month, CERC has assisted the CPA in a number of ways:

CERC researched freight databases that would enable the CPA to answer questions about goods moving through Connecticut’s deepwater ports and which ports outside the state that Connecticut producers and consumers are using.

CERC provided a draft presentation on the State of the Ports, and, after comments from the CPA and others, also provided a revised version.

CERC provided data to the CPA on Connecticut-Australia trade links in advance of Scott Bates’ trip to Australia, and information on the economic impacts of dredging to assist the CPA’s response to the lawsuit about dredging in the Long Island Sound.

CERC continues to move forward on the maritime impact analysis. During February, CERC presented on the project to the board of the Connecticut Maritime Coalition and obtained additional contacts to interview for data for the impact analysis. CERC also attended the Hartford Boat Show to gather data from the various companies that attended, which will help in measuring the size of businesses in the industry, and interviewed other businesses or service providers in the industry and mapped businesses in the three port districts.

Chairman Bates thanked Executive Director Matthews.

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Chairman Don Frost gave a brief outline of this report. He noted that the Committee’s communications this past month dealt with “messaging” which will preface the Strategic Objectives discussed last month. He discussed and went on to say that a critical part of our “message” is defining the maritime industry and its economic impact beyond just the ports in Connecticut.

Chairman Bates thanked Mr. Frost.

Engineering Committee Report

Chairman Gilbertson of the Engineering Committee noted that the meeting at the State Pier scheduled for March 1, 2018, was canceled. At this time, a discussion was had regarding board members attendance at seminars and education of a board member.

Chairman Bates thanked Mr. Gilbertson.

Finance Committee Report

Ms. Reemsnyder gave her report. Finance Report:

She noted that the committee discussed the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, the period ended January 31, 2018.

The committee discussed the carryover from the previous year; expenditures and revenues; and the marketing & business development and communications and outreach. It was noted that these line items could be paid out of the monies held at DECD.

She reported that Blum Shapiro was wrapping up the audit and would be sending a draft to CPA shortly. Ms. Reemsnyder also noted that the State Audit draft was forthcoming and it was going to be sent to Robinson & Cole as well.

Ms. Reemsnyder discussed the Amicus Brief re: NY/EPA lawsuit

It was noted that Robinson & Cole would be preparing this brief for CPA. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation of up to \$15,000.00 dollars for Robinson & Cole to produce and file the Amicus brief and include others, if they so choose.

A motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Reemsnyder approving an appropriation of \$15,000.00 dollars for Robinson & Cole to produce and file the Amicus brief and include others was so VOTED with an abstention by Mr. Thompson.

Chairman Bates thanked Ms. Reemsnyder.

Brief Presentation by The Audubon Society

Milan Bull gave his presentation on the Piping Plovers who nest from Nova Scotia south to North Carolina, with a population in the Great Lakes region north into Alberta, Canada.

Chairman Bates thanked Mr. Bull for his presentation.

Discussion regarding Amicus Brief for Rosado et al v. Pruitt et al, No. 1:17-cv-04843 (E.D.N.Y. 2018)

See Ms. Reemsnyder's report above.

Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of a one-year subscription for the TREDPLAN data system for up to \$25,000

RESOLVED: That the Executive Director, Evan H. Matthews, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to purchase a one-year subscription for the TREDPLAN data system, for up to \$25,000, and to enter into such agreements with TREDIS Software Group and to execute and deliver any and all other reasonable and necessary documents in furtherance thereof.

A motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wise was so VOTED unanimously.

Consideration and approval of a resolution authorizing the adoption of the Rates of Pilotage Procedures.

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Section 1-121 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, the Rates of Pilotage Procedures, in the form attached hereto the Exhibit to Agenda Item #13, are hereby ratified, confirmed, adopted and approved by the Authority effective immediately.

A motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Westerson was so VOTED unanimously.

Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, for the purpose of discussing site selection, or the lease, sale or purchase of real property

RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present and voting, the Board hereby convenes into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing site selection or the lease, sale, or purchase of real property.

A motion to enter Executive Session at 12:47 p.m. was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Reemsnyder and was so VOTED unanimously.

A motion to come out of Executive Session at 12:55 p.m. was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wise and was so VOTED unanimously.

New Business None

Call to the Public None

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 12:56 p.m.