

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting May 21, 2019
New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy
New Haven, CT

Meeting Minutes - Draft

1. Call to Order – The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Gash at 09:04 am.
CPC members in Attendance: Wynn Bohonon, Mike Eisele, Ralph Gogliettino, Captain Beck,
CPC Members Absent: Dave Pohyrol, Chris Clark, Captain Peszke
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore
Public: Captain Jonas, Captain Costabule, Petty Officer Stewart USCG
2. Summary Report – Approval of the April 2019 meeting summary.
Motion: Eisele
Second: Bohonon Approved
Abstained: Beck
3. Public Comments
Captain Jonas Update the Commission on the Upper Thames River trip that was taken by USCG Captain Reed to view the navigation patterns first hand. The trip was a result of the USCG reinstating qualifications for the upper Thames River. The ride demonstrated that only a skilled pilot can maneuver north of the bridges in a narrow and winding channel. The qualification are for 25% of the trips completed in darkness, and 25% under required tonnage. Only daylight transits are recommended at this time.
Captain also noted about anchorage areas and their uses.
4. U.S. Coast Guard - None
5. Continuing Business
 - A. Extension of Route Bridgeport Harbor – Legislation Revisions to CGS Chapter 263, Section 15-13. (no update)
 - B. Pilot Safety & Training – CPA 6% Earmark Account
Salvatore suggested that the CT Pilot organization should submit in writing to the Commission a proposal/request to start the conversation with the Port Authority. Currently in place is a Pilot Training Fund which amounts to \$20.00 per pilot trip fee. This fee can only be used for the CT Pilots and not the New York (70/30 split). This fee doesn't provide much flexibility to fund the needs for training and equipment. The 6% CT Pilot fee money goes to the Port Authority and not the State's General Fund as it did when under the Department of Transportation.
The Rhode Island Pilot pay a percent fee towards a training fund.
6. New Business
 - A. Discussion/Approval of the MY Utopia IV – Compulsory Pilotage Letter
It was discussed that a letter should be sent to the counsel to the ship owners from the Port Authority. This is a result of last year's MY Utopia call to Greenwich Harbor and the

information provided as to the vessel length. Newly passed legislation required that the MY should have taken on a pilot for the transit in/out.

- B. Retirement of Captain Walker. Something in writing should be provided to the licensing authority.
- C. Salvatore asked Captain Jonas about the need for new pilot apprentices. Captain responded that there are no new apprentices in the Que.
The last solicitation for apprentice pilots was about 3-years ago.
For planning purposes it takes 3-4 months to conduct the solicitation and make selection(s).
Captain Jonas stated that if vessel traffic increases the current rotation can handle the work.

7. Executive Session - No

8. Adjourn – 9:43 AM Motion: Bohonon, Second: Eisele

Next Meeting:

9:00 AM Tuesday, July 16, 2019
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