

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting June 2, 2020  
Connecticut Port Authority Office - Remotely  
Old Saybrook, CT

## Meeting Minutes

In response to concerns regarding the spread of coronavirus disease, and in the interest of the safety and well-being of participation, the meeting was held remotely by conference call (as permitted by Executive Order 7B).

1. Call to Order – The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Gash at 09:10 am.  
CPC members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Captain Beck, Ralph Gogliettino, Wynn Bohonon, Captain Peszke, Chris Clark, David Pohyrolo  
CPC Members Absent: none  
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore  
Public: USCG LT. Sheehy, Collen Roache-NOAA NE Nav. Mgr.
2. Summary Report – Approval of the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting summary.  
Motion: Eisele  
Second: Beck Approved  
Abstained: Pohyrolo
3. Public Comments – None
4. U.S. Coast Guard  
The MARAPARS Port Access Study for the wind industry was distributed.  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 12:00 USCG hosting a meeting relative to marine transportation and recovery.  
Start of Hurricane season.
5. Continuing Business
  - A. Legislative Revisions to CGS Chapter 263, Section 15-13 submitted to OPM for action.
  - B. Discussion – CPC move to another Agency.  
No movement or discussion.  
Beck-DEEP Marine Unit never had enough funding or personnel to take enforcement on.  
CTDOT may have a staff planner available.  
CTDEEP makes sense to take this on.  
Pohyrolo-Salvatore is on loan from DCTDOT to the Port Authority. Another agency can pay for his time to assist with CT Pilots administrative work, CTDEEP or CTDOT.  
Gash-CTDEEP is a regulating authority, Port Authority is not. Harbormasters are currently regulated at CTDEEP. The marine unit regulates the CT waters and statutory enforcement on the waters.  
This has not been brought to DEEP for discussion.
  - C. Pilot Safety & Training – No movement, OPM is reviewing and amending operating policies of the Port Authority.

6. New Business

A. CT Pilots Covid-19 Update

Peszke-the vessels have been following protocols with no impact. The crews on most vessels have been aboard the same vessel for 3-4 months. Ship owners have not been able to rotate the crew changes.

B. M/V Utopia May 21<sup>st</sup> Letter Coastwise Pilotage

A letter was received dated May 21, 2020 to Ian MacMillan, Greenwich Harbormaster via email and then to the CT Port Authority. The letter is in reference to Compulsory Pilotage for U.S. Documented Recreational Vessels in CT Waters, and applicability of CGS 15-15, Vessels requiring pilots, documented vessels sailing under a recreational endorsement only, regardless of length.

The vessel owner is considering re-flagging of the vessel and would like to understand if re-flagging would the vessel be subject to compulsory pilotage under the CGS regardless of vessels dimensions or route.

State does not regulate a coastwise yacht regardless of length.

USCG does not take a position on length, it is based on gross tonnage.

It is not clear as to the vessel in question. It is needed to know if the vessel in question in US flagged or foreign. Salvatore will reach out to vessel representative for further details.

7. Executive Session – None

8. Adjourn

Motion: Eisele

Second: Beck

Time: 9:34 am

**Next Meeting:**

9:00 AM Tuesday, September 1, 2020

TBD