Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting July 6, 2021

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 09:04 am.

CPC members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Captain Peszke, Wynn Bohonon, John Henshaw, Chris Clark, Dave Pohorylo, Ralph Goglientino

CPC Members Absent: None

Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore

Public: Captain Meade, Captain Toby, Captain Jonas

1. Summary Report – Approval of May 4th minutes-Recording (no action taken)

 Motion: Bohonon

 Second: Goglientino Approved: Y

 Abstained:

1. Public Comments – None

1. U.S. Coast Guard - None
2. Continuing Business

A. Legislative update – No Action Taken.

B. CT Pilots COVID update – ships are taking high precautions, ships are providing PPE, same vigilance at the terminals and vessels. (Remove from Agenda)

C. Senate Bill No. 241, Public Act No. 21-179, an Act Concerning Oversight and Transparency at the CT Port Authority.

 CPC will remain under CPA for Administrative purposes only.

 Personal immunity of CT Pilots under the AG’s Office.

 Licensure will remain within the CPA.

D. Update-CT Apprentice Marine Pilot Training & Certification Program Solicitation of Applicant Notice Response.

10-pilot applications received.

 Discussed that the apprentice pilots will have to work under Interport Pilot organization as established for training/certification(s).

 Economics of the applicant’s location in relation to the CT Ports.

1. New Business

 A. Clarification/Discussion-Pilot Safety Equipment & Training Reimbursement Regulation CGS 15-14-1c additional Fees.

**Points of Discussion:**

* Prior use of the fund training only, never used for reimbursement for other goods. No one time has any past request been for safety products.
* Internal CT Pilots issue 4 of 5 have decided to use the fund for training and not for safety equipment.
* New Pilots will need training, if the fund is depleted there will not be any money left.
* The money is collected by the rotation administrator and has been disbursed to Interport Pilot organization at year-end. It is roughly $4-$5,000 per year having a fund total of $30,000 +/-.
* Interport Pilots have one pilot as the administrator role.
* The fees are paid by the ship owner and not the pilots.
* Purpose and intent of the fund is for training and safety as written. It is not up to the 4 of 5 pilots to decide how to spend the money. Regulations/law should be followed or stop the $20.00 fee charge.
* Fairness of the distribution of the funds over the pilots based on years of service.
* If the fund is not used appropriately it is a disservice to the pilots.
* The funds have a variety of uses as listed. CPA shouldn’t make the decision. If used appropriately and for the intended purpose there is no problem. CPA should remain out of the business aspects of the pilot organization.
* Joint Administrator’s holds the money in escrow to then get distributed for training and safety equipment. Read the CT Law spoken out to all.
* A request will be made to Interport Pilots for a full accounting of the money disbursed to them.

Motion No. 1: In accordance with the regulation/law as defined in section H, the funds need to get returned from Interport Pilots back to the Joint Rotation Administrator.

Motion: Bohonon

Second: Goglientino Approved: Yes

Abstained: Peszke

Motion No. 2: A request from the CPC to Interport Pilots for a full accounting and confirmation of expenses, disbursement and balance(s) of the training and safety disbursement from the Joint Rotation Administrator.

Motion: Pohorylo

Second: Goglientino

Abstained: Peszke Approved: Yes

1. Adjourn

 Motion: Bohonon

 Second: Goglientino

 Time: 9:57 am

**Next Meeting:**

9:00 AM Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Location: TBD