

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting November 2, 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 09:03 am.
CPC members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Captain Peszke, Wynn Bohonon, John Henshaw, Chris Clark, Joe Maco
CPC Members Absent: Ralph Goglientino, Dave Pohorylo
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore
Public: Captain Meade, Captain Meade, Captain Jonas, Captain Murray, Captain Astles, Captain Richardson, William Rowland
2. Summary Report – Approval of October 5th
Motion: Bohonon
Second: Eisele Approved: Y
Abstained: Maco
3. Public Comments – Captain Jonas made mention that an apprentice pilot must sign an agency exclusive agreement/contract requiring that in the event they leave Interport they can't compete for US Flagged under Enrollment vessel work. Other remedies apply within the contract/agreement.
The time and expense Interport goes through to train and license pilots has to get recognized by this agreement.
4. U.S. Coast Guard - None
5. Continuing Business
 - A. Discussion-Pilot Safety Equipment & Training Reimbursement Regulations CGS 15-14-1c Additional Fees.
Points of Discussion;
 - Review of the Pilot Commission Reimbursement Flow Chart.
 - There should be a window to ask for reimbursement – 6 month look back.
 - The Flow Chart will be part of the process going forward.
 - Concern about liability of purchasing equipment. The pilot is buying the equipment, not Interport.
 - Money flows from Rotation Administrator to CPA.

Motion to approve the Flow Chart with correction(s)

Motion: Eisele

Second: Bohonon

Approved: Y

- B. Update – Apprentice Pilot Selection Process-Scheduled Written Exam.
 - The Questions need to get reviewed along with answer key. The exam will be kept to a small group for review to maintain integrity.
 - The regulations state the scoring criteria.
 - 6 – Applicants will sit for the written examination.

- C. General Pilot Update – Very busy month in the Port of New Haven, next month should be the same. Bulk carriers keep stacking up at the anchorage. Pilots have no problem covering the rotation.

6. New Business

- A. CPC Commissioner (renewals) – New member Joseph Maco
Commissioners should reach out to their appointing authority to get selected or not.

- B. Discussion 6% Pilotage Fee & Pilot Boat
CPC is seeking recommendations from Interport on this topic.
NYS does not fund their pilot boats.
NYS Legislation/assembly approves the funding. It does come out of the Sandy Hook Budget.
NYS funding doesn't come out of the pilot fee, self-funded.
Can CPA grant/loan to Interport?

7. Adjourn

Motion: Bohonon
Second: Eisele
Time: 10:03 am

Next Meeting:

9:00 AM Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Location: TBD