

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting July 12, 2022
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 09:00 am.

CPC members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Wynn Bohonon, Captain Peszke, Captain Maco, Ulysses Hammond

CPC Members Absent: Ralph Gogliettino, Dave Pohorylo, Chris Clark

Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore

Public: Captain Meade, Captain Jonas, Captain Murray, Captain Richardson, Captain Jonas, Captain Toby

2. Summary Report – Approval of June 7, 2022

Motion: Bohonon

Second: Maco

Abstained: none

Approved: Yes

3. Public Comments – None

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.

- CPA is processing Invoice #108535 MITAGS Tractor Tug Coarse reimbursement &7,586.00 (Interport)

- B. CT Pilot Apprentice Training Discussion and Progress Update (Interport)

- CPC recommendation was accepted by the CPA at the June 21, 2022 meeting to issue a new Connecticut Pilot License to Captain Butler (issued June 27, 2022).

- C. CPA Legislative Update – No update, remove from agenda.

- D. Update on Involving CT Pilot and the Grounding of M/V Great Comfort on February 15, 2022.

- CPA approved June 21, 2022, CPC recommendation to conduct/hold hearing.
- An informal letter was sent to the subject pilot informing on resolution approved by CPA.
- A pair of potential hearing officers are identified.
- DOT was consulted on past hearing process and procedures.

E. Discussion/Review – Renewal Pilotage Rate Increase Proposal 5-year plan submitted May 28, 2022, by Interport Pilots.

- The current pilot tariff rate schedule is set to expire December 31, 2022. The Interport Pilot Association has submitted to the Pilot Commission a new 5-year rate schedule starting January 1, 2023. The Pilot Commission has reviewed and concurs with the proposal. In March New York State approved a request from the NY Licensed Pilots to increase the pilotage fees for the MOA waters of Long Island Sound. The CT Pilots and Interport Pilots Association discussed their proposal with the NY Pilots and both groups agreed that this proposal increase is reasonable, fair, and should have no negative impact on industry and future business. CT Pilots and Interport Pilots Association understand that the MOA allows for CT and NY to have separate rates but recognize that it is highly desirable to have a unified rate structure between the two groups and are requesting the same rate schedule as NY for the MOA waters of Long Island Sound.
- CPA to Approve and notice in the CT Law Journal for 30-days for comment. Then back to CPA for final approval.

Motion: Eisele – To recommend (by letter) to CPA the rate increase be made.

Second: Bohonon

Abstain: none

Approved: Yes

6. New Business - None

7. Adjourn

Motion: Bohonon

Second: Eisele

Time: 9:25 am

Next Meeting:

9:00 AM Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Location: TBD