

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting June 7, 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 09:02 am. There wasn't a quorum at call to order, paused until 9:08 am.
CPC members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Wynn Bohonon, John Henshaw, Chris Clark, Captain Peszke, Captain Maco, Ulysses Hammond
CPC Members Absent: Ralph Gogliettino, Dave Pohorylo
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore
Public: Captain Meade, Captain Jonas, Captain Murray, Captain Richardson, Captain Astles, Captain Jonas, LT Hope USCG
2. Summary Report – Approval of May 3, 2022
Motion: Bohonon
Second: Eisele
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;
 - 2-Pilots have completed a Tractor Tug Course; Captain Apprentice Butler, Captain Toby.
Approved to move forward with processing reimbursement (CPA)
 - B. CT Pilot Apprentice Training Discussion and Progress Update (Interport)
 - Interport is working on a working spreadsheet for training
 - Current course, Bridge Resource Management (Peszke, Butler)
 - The three apprentice pilots are in various stages of training, not qualified for Long Island Sound. Trips needed per regulations. Butler is the only one qualified right now.
 - There needs to be a marker setup to track apprentice training progress per month.

C. CPA Legislative Update – No update.

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

- CPC recommendation (letter) to CPA requesting that a hearing be held.
- There were 3-recused (Pohorylo, Peszke, Clark)
- 5-affirm to vote on item (Maco, Gash, Bohonon, Eisele, Hammond)

Motion: Gash, Second: Bohonon - CPC recommend sending a letter to CPA on M/V Comfort grounding to conduct a hearing on the matter. CPA next board meeting is June 21, 2022

Motion Approved.

Captain Maco showed concern about submission of additional information not in USCG report. Maco wants to make sure all the facts are out. Maco did not like the term the USCG use “negligent” in the report. Maco asked if additional information can be provided through the CPC. CPC has deferred the matter to the CPA. Any person can submit to CPA hearing officer information under their own name.

E. Renewal-Pilotage Rate Increase Proposal 5-year plan (Interport)
Submitted proposal will get released to Commissioners for review, discussion at the July meeting.

6. New Business - None

7. Adjourn

Motion: Bohonon

Second: Eisele

Time: 9:33 am

Next Meeting:

9:00 AM Tuesday, July12, 2022

Location: TBD