

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting May 3, 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 09:04 am.  
CPC members in Attendance: Mike Eisele, Dave Pohorylo, Wynn Bohonon, John Henshaw, Chris Clark, Captain Peszke, Ulysses Hammond  
CPC Members Absent: Ralph Gogliettino, Captain Maco  
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore  
Public: Captain Meade, Captain Jonas, Captain Murray, Captain Richardson, Captain Astles, Jerry Crooks, LT Hope USCG, Sean Byrnes (Interport Attorney)
2. Summary Report – Approval of March 1, 2022  
Motion: Bohonon  
Second: Eisele  
Abstained: none  
Opposed: Peszke (Requested revised January minutes in order to vote)  
Roll call in favor: Eisele, Henshaw, Bohonon, Clark, Gash, Peszke,  
Absent for vote: Maco
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.
    - Interport needs to submit Invoicing to CPC for approval, then to CPA for reimbursement.
  - B. CT Pilot Apprentice Training Discussion and Progress Update (Interport)
    - Captain Butler has completed all the requirements to apply for a CT Pilots License.
    - A complete package has been submitted to CPC & CPA for review.
    - The three apprentice pilots are in various stages of training.
    - Robert McCallum is continuing his training and testing.
    - Bridget Cooney has been in communication and trying to schedule training.

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- Eisele asked will apprentice pilots be able to get absorbed into the pilot rotation. The 3-apprentice pilots need to understand/know that they may not get into the rotation. No commitments from/by either side.
- Captain Jonas noted pilotage jobs/statistics for the past three years noting that a single pilot can do 59 jobs per year. Pilot jobs over the past three years were about 2019=419, 2020=399 and 2021=488. 7-pilots licensed for 2019 & 2020, 5 licensed for 2021.

C. CPA Legislative Update – No update.

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

- Waiting on USCG report to get finalized and issued to CPA.

## 6. New Business

A. **NEW ITEM:** Approval of Apprentice Captain Butler’s Training & Documentation.  
Motion to Add New Item: Eisele                      Second: Bohonon                      Approved

Motion: To approve Captain Butlers Apprentice Training & Recommend to CPA (letter) for approval and issuance of a CT License.

Motion: Bohonon

Second: Eisele

Roll call taken in favor, Pohorylo, Gash, Bohonon, Henshaw, Eisele, Peszke, Clark

Opposed: none

Abstentions: none

Discussion: Captain Butler submitted the required trip documentation and forms complying and meeting the requirements.

Commissioners Eisele and Clark conducted the review. Comments were positive, good documentation, satisfied statutory requirements, trips were made inbound/outbound, has federal endorsement, trained with 5-of the CT Licensed pilots.

B. **NEW ITEM:** Pilotage Rate Increase.

Motion to Add New Item: Eisele                      Second: Bohonon                      Approved

Pilotage Rates expired January 2022 for CT Harbors and the Thames River and the waters of Long Island Sound.

Rates cover a 5-year period.

Interport is tasked with preparing the 5-year rate plan and submitting to CPC for review and comment.

CT should prepare the new rate schedule and receive NY concurrence.

Captain Jonas will provide the NY/NJ rates for comparison.

7. Adjourn

Motion: Clark

Second: Bohonon

Time: 10:28 am

**Next Meeting:**

9:00 AM Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Location: TBD