



Connecticut Pilot Commission Public Meeting

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
9:00am

Location:

CT Port Authority Office
455 Boston Post Road
Suite 204
Old Saybrook, CT 06457

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The public meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Gash at 9:01am

CPC Members in Attendance: Chair Bill Gash, Wynne Bohannon, Mike Eisele, Captain Joseph Maco, Dave Pohorylo, Captain Michael Peszke, CPA Executive Director Ulysses Hammond

CPC Members Absent: Chris Clark

CPA Staff: Jill Dowling-Moreno

Public: Captain Adam Richardson, Sean Byrnes, Arnold Skretta, Captain Richard Astles, Captain DJ Toby

2. Approval of the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion by Wynne Bohannon, seconded by Dave Pohorylo. So, VOTED with NO opposed and NO abstentions.

3. Public Comment – Public participation related to Agenda topics (limit to 5 minutes per person/topic).

- Sean Byrnes attorney for Interport commented on the Sept. 12th Meeting Minutes, Item 5g on the Agenda “Connecticut Agencies Regulations Section 15-15a-7 Qualifications, Selection and Training for new applications for a license as a Connecticut Marine Pilot. Section C newly licensed marine pilot.”

4. U.S. Coast Guard Update

- No US Coast Guard in attendance to provide an update.
- Chris Clark reached out to the US Coast Guard but did not receive a reply.
- Chair Gash will follow-up with the Coast Guard.

5. CPC Correspondence – *attachments*

- Wynne Bohannon noted the improved quality of Committee materials.
- Chair Gash noted the materials will be distributed earlier prior to the next meeting.

6. Continuing Business

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

- Rob McComb- Captain Richardson pleased with his progress.
- Captain Richardson noted that Interport will be meeting at the end of the month and he will provide the association meeting report at next month's CPC meeting regarding adding any additional pilots in the near future.
- Captain Maco requested to be notified in advance of any need for Extension-of-Routes going forward.

(b) Update- New Haven Harbor Navigation Deepening Design Simulator Exercise- (Pilots)

- Chair Gash noted to remove this item from next month's agenda.
- Ulysses Hammond will bring information regarding this item to future meetings under New Business as any updates arise.

(c) Connecticut Agencies Regulations Section 15-15a-7 Qualifications, Selection and Training for new applications for a license as a Connecticut Marine Pilot. Section C newly licensed marine pilot. – *attachment*

- The motion from the last meeting carried, and this item was included on today's agenda to review the adequacy of the letter of recommendation to the Board of the Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) regarding this item.
- Chair Gash referred to the language in the letter "Interport Pilots Agency, Inc. d.b.a. Connecticut State Pilots".
- Extensive discussion ensued by the Commission and the Public attendees, which included discussion regarding whether these are Regulations or CPA working docs. It was suggested that legal counsel be consulted regarding this question.
- Bill Gash and Ulysses Hammond will work together regarding assistance of legal counsel.
- Ulysses Hammond requested that the Connecticut Pilot Commission (CPC) include more than just the motion in its recommendation letters to the CPA. He requested that the letters include an explanation of the issue, the proposed resolution, and the pros and cons of the proposed resolution. The recommendation letter, along with accompanying documentation, would then be provided to the CPA.
 - The attachment for Item #5, "Recommendation for Adoption of Written Procedures Regarding Use of Mobile Telephones, Texting and Email While Engage in Piloting" can serve as an example of the requested format for future recommendation letters from the CPC to the CPA with accompanying documentation attached.
- Bill Gash, Ulysses Hammond, and Mike Eisele will work on the recommendation regarding this item and will provide it to the CPC for the next meeting in November.
- Bill Gash will get a copy of the rotation administration pilotage log for the next meeting.
- Ulysses Hammond made a motion that the CPC develop a statement in support of its motion regarding Section C with an understanding that the Rotation Administrator will be invited to the next meeting. Wynne Bohannon seconded. So, VOTED with NO opposed and NO abstentions.

7. New Business

None

8. Adjourn

Bill Gash made a motion to adjourn. Wynne Bohannon seconded. So, VOTED with NO opposed and NO abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 10:07am.

Next Meeting: November 7, 2023