



## Connecticut Pilot Commission Public Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 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 9:00am

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

**CPC Members Absent:** Wynne Bohannon, Chris Clark, Dave Pohorylo

**CPA Staff:** Jill Dowling-Moreno

**Public:** Captain Adam Richardson, Arnold Skretta, Captain Richard Astles, Captain DJ Toby, Captain Sean Meade, Captain Chris Murray

#### 2. Approval of the October 3, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion by Mike Eisele, seconded by Ulysses Hammond. So, VOTED with NO opposed and NO abstentions.

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

- Captain Richard Astles provided copies of the Marine Safety Information Bulletin on Reduced Visibility from the Navigation Bridge, and Regulation 22- Navigational bridge visibility. He provided information regarding the restricted visibility issues and discussion with the Commission followed.
  - Richard Astles will let the Commission know who to contact at the Coast Guard Safety Inspection Office, and if any follow-up is needed from the Commission regarding this item. He will provide an update at the next Commission meeting.
- An update regarding soundings and dredging at the New London State Pier was requested.
  - Ulysses Hammond will follow-up with Donovan Morris at AECOM to get an update, and noted that dredging is scheduled to take place in December.
- Richard Astles will forward the email regarding dredging and soundings from Gateway to Bill Gash.
- Captain Sean Meade updated the Commission on the purchase of a new pilot boat and discussed its safety features for pilots.

#### 4. U.S. Coast Guard Update

None

#### 5. Continuing Business

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

- Captain Adam Richardson to provide an update from the last Interport meeting
  - An update was provided on the progression of the current apprentice Rob McCollum
  - Discussion followed regarding the pipeline for future apprentices to ensure good staffing in the next 3-5 years.
  - Adam Richardson will bring the meeting update to the next Commission meeting.

(b) Update- Rotation Administrator

- Copy of the rotation administration pilotage log
  - The Commission reviewed the pilotage log.
  - Chair Bill Gash noted the Commission will request the pilotage log on a quarterly basis, and will have it included in the Commission package prior to the meeting going forward.

(c) Electronics Use Policy- **attachment**

- Adopted by the CT Port Authority Board of Directors on October 17, 2023
  - Ulysses Hammond referenced the handout of the Electronics Use Policy and noted that it was passed by the CPA Board at the Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - He noted that it will be included with the packet that will be sent out to Pilots with their annual license renewals.

(d) CT Pilot License Renewal applications due to the CT Port Authority by December 31, 2023

- Ulysses Hammond reminded the Pilots that their CT Pilot License renewal applications are due by December 31, 2023, and encouraged Pilots to get their renewal applications in as early as possible.

Ulysses Hammond provided a brief update on the Maritime Business Development Manager position and noted that the position posting is closing on November 10, 2023.

#### 6. New Business

None

#### 7. Adjourn

Mike Eisele made a motion to adjourn. Ulysses Hammond seconded. So, VOTED with NO opposed and NO abstentions. Meeting adjourned at 9:43am.

**Next Meeting:** December 5, 2023