

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting May 4, 2021  
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, Captain Peszke, Wynn Bohonon, John Henshaw, Chris Clark, Dave Pohorylo  
CPC Members Absent: Ralph Gogliettino  
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore  
Public: Captain Meade, Jerry Crooks
2. Summary Report – Approval of March 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes-Recording (no action taken)  
Motion:  
Second: Approved  
Abstained:
3. Public Comments – None
4. U.S. Coast Guard - None
5. Continuing Business
  - A. Legislative update – In session, proposed to have been inserted with the DOT package. Follow up with OPM.
  - B. CT Pilots COVID update – ships are taking high precautions, ships are providing PPE, same vigilance at the terminals and vessels.  
On May 19<sup>th</sup> CT lifts the restrictions.
  - C. CPC move to State Agency – State Senator Summers put a placeholder Bill forward recommending the CPC move to DOT.  
CPC recommendation was to a regulator agency, CTDEEP.  
There hasn't been any discussion with CTDEEP yet. State agencies have the backing of the Attorney General's Office, potential liability of CPA signing Pilot licenses is unclear. CPA's charge is commercial activity verse regulatory authority.  
Remain on agenda for discussion as things develop-no new news on this topic.
  - D. Approval - CT Apprentice Marine Pilot Training & Certification Program Solicitation of Applicant Notice.  
*Motion: Eisele for CPA to start the Public Notice process to solicit/initiate the selection of one or more pilot apprentice.*  
Second: Wynn  
Abstained: Henshaw Approved: Yes

6. New Business

A. New Haven Harbor Navigation Improvement Project Update & Discussion.

- Preliminary Engineering & Design (PED) – 16 month process.
- State Bond Commission approved \$5.0m towards the PED.
- Project start 2023-24 dredge season.
- Pilots are concerned about existing shoaling until the dredge date.
- There are concerns, no specifics.

7. Adjourn

Motion: Wynn

Second: Henshaw

Time: 9:23 am

**Next Meeting:**

9:00 AM Tuesday, September 7, 2021

TBD