

Connecticut Pilot Commission
Summary Report November 15, 2016 Public Meeting
New Haven Fire Training Academy
New Haven, CT

1. **Call to Order** - The public meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman William Gash. Members Michael Peszke, Charles Beck, Evan Matthews, Michael Eisele, Ralph Gogliettino and Wynne Bohannon were also present. Also attending were Captain Charles Jonas, Joseph Salvatore, CDR Jason Gunning, Captain Phil Gaughran, and Sean Meade.
2. **Summary Report** - A motion was made to approve the summary report of October 18, 2016 (Eisele/Bohannon). Passed.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **U.S. Coast Guard** – CRD Gunning reported the completion of internal processes specific to liting in LIS, with no changes to policies regarding liting at anchorages in LIS. He also reported that as a matter of efficiency, and to reduce service workload while maintaining compliance with the CG ATON Design guidelines, some navigational aids will be removed from the Bridgeport harbor channel. Navigational changes will be reported via the Notice To Mariners. He also reported that the Port Jefferson range lighting system is on schedule.
5. **Continuing Business:**
 - A. Review of the Pilot Rotation Administration. The Chairman and Executive Director Matthews stated their thoughts regarding the Rotation Administration. Captain Peszke stated that the CT pilots could manage the Rotation. After a long discussion among the Commission members it was agreed to explore a pilotage scenario that elevates safety of navigation and protection of the environment in Connecticut's ports. Carried forward on the agenda.
 - B. Public Solicitation for 2 CT Pilot Apprentices. Joe Salvatore reported that 5 members of the public have applied for apprenticeship. Based on a question of next steps regarding the process of apprenticeship, a discussion developed regarding whether "*all existing CT DOT regulations regarding the conduct and duties of licensed pilots are written procedures of the CPA*" included the CT DOT regulations regarding apprentice pilots. A motion was made (Beck/Gogliettino) stating: All existing CT DOT regulations regarding the conduct and duties of licensed pilots are written procedures of the CPA in that the CPC interprets "*conduct and duties*" as a broad term encompassing all facets of pilotage. During discussion of the stated motion, Captain Jonas stated that the CT DOT regulations regarding the pilot apprentice program makes it impossible for any apprentice to ever certify as a CT pilot. After more discussion, the motion was amended as stated: All existing CT DOT regulations regarding the conduct and duties of licensed pilots are written procedures of the CPA in that the CPC interprets "*conduct and duties*" as a broad term encompassing all facets of

pilotage, and the pilot apprentice program will be reviewed and amended as necessary for simplicity, efficiency and safety. Motion passed unanimously. Note: If the CPC did not adopt the stance that all of the former DOT regulations were now CPC Procedures, then there would be no Apprentice Selection and Training procedures which would halt the current solicitation/selection process. Item removed from the agenda.

- C. On-Call Marine Investigator(s). The Chairman distributed the draft CPC Marine Investigation Procedures. Chairman asked for the CPC to review the document and provide input/changes/corrections prior to the December meeting. The Commission will take up adoption of the Procedures at its December meeting. Director Matthews will consider the best course for the CPA to develop “on-call independent investigators” responsible for compiling a comprehensive factual record of any marine incident or casualty. Carried on the agenda.
- D. NY AG Opinion Ltr dated September 29, 2016. Commission member Mike Eisele presented his letter drafted from the CPC to the CT Attorney General regarding compulsory state pilotage of foreign military/public vessels. Since this issue has no immediate impact on Connecticut, and that this is a New York issue, Mike recommended that the Commission hold on any further action as this will most certainly resolve itself in New York. Item removed from the agenda.
- E. NY Board of Commissioners of Pilots Ltr. dtd. 30 August 2016. The Chairman stated the Commission’s letter regarding this agenda item had been mailed. Item removed from the agenda.

6. **New Business:**

- A. CPC Recommended Legislative Changes to CPA Legislation (Public Act 15-5)
 - 1. Specify minimum length of vessel requiring pilotage in CT waters. Captain Peszke voiced objection to this agenda item. After discussion, the Chairman indicated further information is required to make a recommendation. Carried forward on the agenda.
 - 2. Authorize the CPC to set CT pilotage rates. Setting pilotage rates are part of the CPA written procedures and will be set by the CPA. Item removed from the agenda.
 - 3. Amending CT pilot licensing to include additional vision testing for pilot’s 60 years or older. After discussion, the Chairman indicated further information is required to make a recommendation. Carried forward on the agenda.
- B. Reduce pilot’s “on-deck time” from 12 hours to 8 hours. This item was requested by the CT pilots. Since this is a function internal to the pilots working rules, the Commission did not take this item up for consideration. Item removed from the agenda.

7. **Executive Session** – None

8. **Motion to Adjourn** - (Bohonnon/Beck) Adjourned at 12:27.