

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION
REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #3)
For
May 19, 2005**

Location of Meeting:

CT Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike (Conference Room 2215)
Newington, Connecticut

Attendance:

Commissioners

Joseph A. Riccio, Jr. - Vice Chairman
Judy Gott, Secretary
Thomas Dubno
Chet Camarata
Vincent Cashin
John Wronowski
David Shuda
George Wisker
Joseph Maco
Kaye Williams

Public Attendees:

James Schine
Paul Pernerewski
Richard Jaworski
Carmine Trotta
Mark Daley
Alan Blume, Commander, USCG
Bob Hammersley

I. Call to Order:

- Vice Chairman Riccio called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting minutes were emailed to the Commission and were made available as handouts.
- Vice Chairman Riccio asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2005 meeting. A correction was noted by Joseph Maco, TSB Representative, on page 6 of the minutes, 2nd paragraph that the Block Island Pilots Association paid for the tide station last time. Motion/2nd – Cashin/Maco – minutes adopted with corrections by unanimous vote

III. Old Business

- Secretary Judy Gott made revisions and changes to the List of Commissioners which will be updated and submitted at the next meeting by DOT staff. (5 corrections were noted),
- Captain Vincent Cashin also mentioned that the Connecticut Maritime Commission List of Interested Parties should also reflect the Thames River Coalition, Southeast Ct. Regional Organization, John Markowicz, Chairman. Bob Hammersley, Manager of the Transportation Strategy Board also noted that all the Congressional members from Connecticut be added to this list.

- Richard Jaworski noted that the exact location of the Maritime meetings be added to the schedule to secure the location
- Commander Alan Blume of the U. S. Coast Guard discussed the issues of water safety and security assessment and the importance of safety for Broadwater. There will be public meetings in July and August. The next Coast Guard meeting regarding Broadwater and Maritime Security will be June 8th in Port Jefferson. He briefly spoke about the timeline regarding the Broadwater application. Commander Blume stated when the report from the Safety meeting is available he will forward it to the Maritime Commission.
- Secretary Judy Gott asked if a Maritime Commission member attended the Coast Guard Safety meeting regarding Broadwater. The Commission authorized Carl Bard or John Johnson to represent the Commission. Vincent Cashin stated they did not, but he did attend and he reported that we need to follow up on these meetings .
- Joe Maco spoke about conflict of interest regarding Maritime Commission meetings due to his involvement with the Marine Safety International docking simulations. Judy Gott suggested that another TSB representative be present for meetings where he has a conflict.
- Mr. Jaworski discussed the issue of DOT paying for the New Haven tide station (\$5,000)) No final resolution yet, hopes to have resolved by the next meeting.
- Secretary Gott requested that the Tide Station be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- A discussion took place regarding the NOAA site. Mr. Cashin mentioned that it is not just for commercial use. If anyone is interested, he has a telephone number which provides temperature, current real time, speed and tide level. Mr. Maco noted that it can also be accessed through lap-top capabilities.
- Vice Chairman asked what the current status was of the Maritime Manager position. Mr. Jaworski acknowledged that currently all applications have been received and have been forwarded to the Department of Administrative Services for their review. Mr. Maco asked at what capacity the CMC would be involved in the selection process. Judy Gott suggested that possibly the Chairman could be an advisory to the selection process. Mr. Maco made a motion that the CMC or at least the Chairman is included as an observer/advisory in the selection process and that a letter is sent to the Commissioner of DOT to reflect such. Motion Maco/2nd Cashin-vote unanimous

Mission Statement (1st draft)

- Vice Chairman Riccio asked the Commission on their views and opinions regarding the mission statement's first draft After discussion the following changes were made. (Motion Shuda/2nd Williams

The Connecticut Maritime Commission will be the primary body within the State of Connecticut to develop and recommend maritime policy to the Governor and General Assembly. It will be responsible for developing and updating a long-term, strategic plan **for all ports and waterways in the State of Connecticut** with a focus on the three deep water ports. Within its purview, the Connecticut Maritime Commission will review, recommend, and develop policies as they relate to the maritime sector and Public Act No. 04-143. The maritime policy will address issues concerning the maritime sector, related industries and port infrastructure (**public and private**).

This is not final and is still open for suggested changes.

Dredging

An important topic which will be discussed further at both future meetings of the CMC and TSB.

IV. New Business

Discussion regarding the difference and possible changes to names in regarding to the two Commissions, one being the Conn. Maritime Commission, and the other the Conn. Maritime Coalition

Mr. Hammersley noted that as an administrative issue, it is important to file all meetings, as well as sub-committee meetings with the Secretary of State. He also reminded us that under FOI agenda/minutes must be sent out seven days before the meeting and the notice must be posted with the Secretary of State for special meetings. No committee can meet without posting a notice of a meeting even if there is no quorum of the full Maritime Commission.

Commander Blume spoke about Round 5 of the Port Security Grants, 66 ports are eligible as of June 13th, including Bridgeport and New Haven. New London was not included and the reason was not known. The final process for the grants will close on June 10' 2005.

Vice Chairman Riccio spoke about the Army Corp funding of \$20 million by Senator Lieberman for a study in Bridgeport, 5,000 cubic yards to be shipped to a facility in New Jersey which is EPA approved for their disposal techniques. The City of Bridgeport has been asked to contribute \$750,000. A discussion took place regarding the technology and cost of dredging.

It was recommended to add all congressional persons to the interested parties list and be sure they get agenda of the meetings . DOT is going to handle this along with updating and being the keeper of an up to date list of members, interested parties, etc.

Date of Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at CT DOT

Adjournment:

- Vice Chairman Riccio adjourned the meeting at 11:20 and was seconded by Judy Gott.

revised by J Gott 5/25/05

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