

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION
REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #4)
For
June 16, 2005**

Location of Meeting:

CT Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike Rm. G328
Newington, Connecticut

Attendance:

Commissioners

Carl Bard, ConnDOT, Deputy Commissioner
Bill Frederick, representing DECD Commissioner
Martin Toyen, Chairman
Judy Gott, Secretary
Thomas Dubno
Vincent Cashin
Joseph Maco

Commissioners Absent

Robert Genuario, Secretary OPM
John Johnson
Regina McCarthy, Commissioner DEP, or rep. George Wisker, DEP
Joseph Riccio
David Shuda
Kaye Williams
John Wronowski

I. Call to Order:

- Chairman Toyen called the meeting to order

II. Review of Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes of May 19, 2005 unanimously approved. Motion Thomas Dubno. 2nd by Senator Gunther. Role call by Chairman Toyen. Quorum is present according to Chairman Toyen

Public Comments requested: no public present or speaking at this time.

III. Old Business

List and meeting issues discussed and resolved.

Broad Water Engineering - LNG Terminal:

- Captain Boynton reported security assessment by USCG has begun. Responsible to the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC) for both Safety and Security at the platform. Captain Boynton briefed the Commission on recent meetings and attendance from NY and CT.
- A subcommittee of the Area Maritime Security Committee has been established, in the process of assigning the members to this security subcommittee. There will be police, fire and FBI representation.

- Mr. Toyen asked if there are any objections to him summoning Broadwater project representatives to a future CTMC meeting to provide information on the proposal.
- Senator Gunther reminded the Commission of some existing committee structure for Long Island Sound proposals.
- Mr. Toyen believes that Broadwater should be invited to make a presentation to the CTMC so the group can stay well informed and understand the impact of the proposed project. Mr. Toyen will invite the interested parties on the CTMC interested parties list, so they can have the opportunity to hear the presentation.
- Senator Gunther inquired whether any members of the Connecticut Legislature attended meetings on the Broadwater proposal in Port Jefferson.
- Captain Boynton explained the structure of the Area Maritime Security Committee, and answered that CT legislators were not present. Captain Boynton also explained the Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment process and the report that would be generated, which would be provided to the CTMC.
- Mr. Maco inquired about access to information regarding the Broadwater proposal. Captain Boynton believed it would be better to have a single website to work from, and offered to discuss the concept with the FERC and report back on information access.
- Senator Gunther commented on past experiences with FERC and observations of FERC activities. Captain Boynton suggests that a FERC representative address the CTMC, and will provide a FERC contact to Mr. Toyen. In addition to that, Captain Boynton will provide website address information for the Sandia lab which is the leader in assessment data for offshore LNG project proposals. Ms. Gott requested that the information also be provided to the CTMC secretary and the ConnDOT staff representative, Richard Jaworski. Captain Boynton agreed.

ConnDOT Report - Tide Stations

- Richard Jaworski reported that ConnDOT intended to renew agreement with NOAA to allow direct payment from ConnDOT. Currently, an agreement is needed between PSE&G and NOAA, and ConnDOT is assisting in getting this agreement in place and executing a maintenance agreement with NOAA. Judy Gott asked ConnDOT to write an update which informs the pilots, pilot commission, CTMC, PSE&G, and NOAA of the project status. Mr. Jaworski agreed to provide an update. Mr. Maco offered to demonstrate the wireless capability to access NOAA PORTS info for attendees after the meeting.

ConnDOT Report - Status of Maritime Manager New Hire

- Richard Jaworski reported there were approximately fourteen responses received to the position announcement. The CTMC request to participate in the selection process is under review. The appointment could be made in July 2005.

IV. DREDGING - Bridgeport

- Chairman Toyen asked for an update on results of testing in Bridgeport. Richard Jaworski informed the Commission about dredged material disposal techniques. Mr. Toyen asked about contaminants in Bridgeport. Mr. Jaworski responded that ConnDOT intends to recommend cleansing the material enough for beneficial reuse in development projects, or disposal in water. Mr. Toyen is aware of lightering due to insufficient channel depths in Bridgeport. A discussion which focused on testing of dredged materials, cost of testing, beneficial use of dredged material, experiences in other regions with disposal of contaminated dredged material, Army Corps of Engineers requirements, DEP requirements, current status of testing timeline. Mr. Toyen expressed concern that the dredging seemed to be overdue, has been in the discussion stage for a long time and needs to be moved forward towards creating a project for dredging rather than material sampling. Tom Dubno inquired about the status of state legislation to allocate funding to Bridgeport Port Authority for sampling approximately 15,000 cubic yards of material. Mr. Dubno reports that the Connecticut Maritime Coalition wrote letters in support of funding from the Connecticut General Assembly and in support of funding from the Connecticut delegation to the US Congress to do this testing the Bridgeport harbor. An update on the legislation was unavailable from the attendees, although CTMC member Joe Riccio was mentioned as a likely source for an update.
- The dredging discussion continued, Joe Maco detailed the limits of the federal project in Bridgeport harbor, and the possibility of dredging a portion of the federal project that would allow for deep access to be maintained to the facilities being used as deepwater terminals. There was general agreement that lightering has an effect on CT consumers. There was general agreement that current available depths in Bridgeport are having an affect on vessel calls, and this in turn affects traffic on Connecticut roadways. Deputy Commmissioner Carl Bard inquired about data which may be available or developed that quantifies the effect of harbor shoaling on increased roadway traffic.

V. Planning Session

- A list of maritime issues is developed.
 1. Dredging
 2. Rail viability - New Haven / New London
 3. port connectivity – road, rail
 4. container barges – short sea shipping
 5. land use planning
 6. strategic plan to lure shipping to CT ports – marketing
 7. recreational
 8. people's water – ferries
 9. funding
 10. harbor maintenance taxes – source of funding
 11. tax zones – free
 12. deepening New Haven harbor
 13. Broadwater terminal
 14. New Pilots and training
 15. Legislation
 16. Economic studies / development
 17. Maritime policy
 18. Communications

19. Interested parties
20. Sub base – other uses
21. TSB
22. Multi – modal facilities for freight
23. Create exports
24. State Pier berth not dredged to 40 feet
25. Homeland Security – funding
26. Tourism – Cruise Ships
27. Grants
28. All ports and issues / not just deepwater ports

VI. Sub Committee Report

- Tabled for future discussion

VI. Issues CMC faces in the Maritime community

- Tabled for future discussion

VIII. New Business

- Develop and recommend policy for the State of Connecticut
- Mr. Toyen commented that this is a requirement, but discussion was tabled for the next meeting.
- Schedule date and location for annual public hearing
- Tabled for future meeting

IX. Date of Next Meeting

- Thursday, July 21, 2005 - 9:30, Conf. Rm. G-328
Connecticut, DOT Headquarters, Newington, CT 06131

X. Adjournment

- Motion made by Mr. Maco, 2nd by Senator Gunther - unanimous

Revised/reviewed - by J Gott 6/22/05

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