

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)  
REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #06-11)  
November 16, 2006**

**Location of Meeting:** Connecticut DOT Headquarters  
2800 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT Conference Room B

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners**

***Present***

Chuck Beck (for Commissioner Carpenter)  
Vincent Cashin  
Tom Dubno  
Judy Gott  
John Johnson  
Joseph P. Maco (for TSB Chair)  
Joseph Riccio  
Martin Toyen  
George Wisker (for Comm McCarthy)

***Absent***

Phil Smith (for Secretary Genaurio)  
Jon Wronwoski  
Ginne-Rae Gilmore (for Comm Abromaitis)  
G.L. "Doc" Gunther  
Kaye Williams  
David Shuda

**Guests**

John Crowther                      Jack Karalius    LT Doug Miller   Dave Rossiter   Joel Severance  
Bill Spicer                            Alan Stevens

**I. Call to Order:**

- Chairman Marty Toyen opened the meeting at 09:35. A quorum of 9 was present. He made initial remarks relative to this being the Annual Meeting. He stated that he hoped to have a draft annual report prepared by the next meeting in December.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes:**

- The draft minutes of the 19 October 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously after a motion by Judy Gott and second by Tom Dubno.

**III Discussion Open to Public**

- LT Miller proved an update on the Thames River Rail Road Bridge replacement project. A Harbor Safety Committee (HSC) that was formed met in New London Thursday morning 14 November. LT Miller stated that some problems have developed relative to the project to the replace AMTRAK Bascule bridge with a lift bridge. The sediment around the #2 pier has shifted causing the pier to move. Steps to compensate may affect the closure schedule. The Coast Guard will notify all concerned once the details are better known.

**IV Old Business:**

- Status of the Dredge Material Management Plan (DMMP) – George Wisker reported that the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) is developing a project management plan which essentially is an outline of the DMMP itself. Once completed the next step will be public scoping meetings. It is reasonable that the public scoping hearings will take place in Spring 2007.

Marty Toyen suggested that the CTMC draft and send a letter to the CT Congressional delegation summarizing the State's dredging issues and the need for federal funding. The purpose of the letter would be to alert the newly elected members to Congress as well as reestablish the issue with the incumbents. A motion was made by George Wisker, seconded by Judy Gott and approved unanimously.

- Status of the Maritime Policy Statement/Meeting with the Governor's Office – Marty Toyen reported on the meeting held on 19 October with Phil Dukes of the Governor's staff. CTMC representatives at the meeting were Marty, Judy Gott, Joe Riccio and Chuck Beck. Marty explained the membership of the CTMC as well as the development process of the Maritime Policy Statement. Phil Dukes stated that a policy statement is usually championed by the legislator who created CTMC or the policy statement. He further stated that DOT and or DECD needed to be involved in the establishment of the Maritime Policy. Once it was explained that DECD, DOT, DEP and OPM were involved in creating the Maritime Policy Statement as members of the CTMC, Mr. Duke stated that if the Governor had had a problem with the Statement the CTMC would have been notified; basically no news was good news. Thus, a green light was given by the Governor's office to make the Maritime Policy Statement a more public document. Judy Gott recommended that the CTMC authorize the Chairman to update the Statement as necessary. All agreed. It was also suggested that the copy of the Maritime Policy Statement posted on the CONNDOT web site indicate that the document is now "official".
- Dredge Coordinator Position – Chuck Beck reported that the solicitation to fill a transportation engineer 2 position to be the dredging project coordinator within the Bureau of Aviation and Ports had closed on 27 October 2006. Seven applications were submitted. The next step is to review the applicants' qualifications, establish a selection review committee and then choose the best qualified candidate. Upon further discussion and questions, it was stated that if all went well the position could be filled by 1 January 2007.

DECD Development of Commercial/Recreational Data - Tom Dubno (member of both the CTMC and the CMC) stated that the Connecticut Maritime Coalition (CMC) Board of Directors tasked its Executive Director (Bill Gash) to update a report created by a Ms Yim in 2002. He further stated that the CMC Board of Directors authorized funds to be expended for the 50% match to DECD funds for the work related to the report. The Maritime Cluster has been allocated \$200K but has three different workgroups that will be drawing on that money. Bill Gash will be contacting members of the CTMC relative to the project to facilitate that the report provides the information sought. The Chairman asked for volunteers to form a sub-committee to work with Bill Gash. Judy Gott volunteered. The Chair will contact at least two other CTCM members to fill out the subcommittee.

There was some discussion on the rail line work within the New Haven Terminal area relative to the recently passed "Road Map Bill". There are some technical design issues dealing with turn the radius of some of the spur lines. CONNDOT has the lead in resolving the issues. In response to a question, Tom Dubno stated that there was no need for the Maritime Cluster or the CTMC to get involved on the rail spur or property issues at this time.

- Revenue Sources for Maritime Projects/Proposed Draft Legislation - Chuck Beck lead a discussion the DRAFT legislation crafted at the request of the CTMC members at the 21 Sept meeting. Despite the fact that the DRAFT had been provided electronically to the CTMC members in advance, only one individual submitted comments just prior to the meeting. The CTMC members present reviewed the DRAFT line by line making changes as agreed upon. Once the review was completed, a motion was made by Judy Gott, seconded by Joe Maco and approved unanimously to edit the DRAFT as agreed upon. It was further agreed that another meeting should be sought with the Governor's staff (Phil Dukes) to discuss the DRAFT legislation. The end goal after the meeting with the Governor's staff would be to transmit the DRAFT to Speaker Amann preferably in person and request sponsorship for the DRAFT legislation during the next legislative session commencing January 2007.
- Draft letter to CT Attorney General on CT rights – Marty Toyen reported that the letter to Attorney General Blumenthal had been sent on 8 November 2006.

- Bridgeport Feeder Barge Project – Joe Riccio stated that not much had occurred since his update in October. It was reported that negotiations continue with the New York and New Jersey Port Authority (NYNJPA).
- Change of Venue/Dates for CTMC Meetings – Chuck Beck reported that he made the changes approved at the 19 October meeting, confirmed all of the locations and forwarded the 2007 CTMC meeting schedule the Secretary of State's office. Marty Toyen pointed out to all that the monthly CTMC meetings would be held on the third Wednesday vs the third Thursday of each month in 2007 and that the location would change from month to month.

**V New Business:**

- List of Pending Dredging Projects - Ed O'Donnell (ACOE) was not present. It was reported that the requested information felt necessary to allow the CTMC to prioritize dredging projects had not yet been made available. Jack Karalius (ACOE) stated that the ACOE FY 2007 O & E Budget had not yet been approved.
- Federal Anchorages – LT Miller provided a summary on the status of a request for the Coast Guard to establish designated anchorages near the entrances to the three major CT ports. LT Miller stated that there are 5 unofficial anchorages/ liting areas in Long Island Sound (LIS): New London, New Haven, Bridgeport, Northport and Riverhead. The Coast Guard has initiated the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) process and has already run into an unexpected roadblock. A maritime historical society has raised concerns about establishing an anchorage area over "historic wrecks". The CG is working with NOAA to survey the areas to determine what is located where within the proposed anchorage areas.
- Not on the Agenda - Chuck Beck pointed out that an article on an innovative solution using "reactive materials" to capping CAD cells had been distributed for informational purposes. He also announced that the City of Stamford had been sent a Ferryboat Site Analysis Study Agreement by CONNDOT to sign relative to the Federal earmark received for a fast ferry project.

Marty Toyen provided a summary of his statements made to the Transportation Strategy Board (TSB) at the 13 November 2006 meeting. He talked about the Maritime Policy Statement, the letter sent to the CT Attorney General about the DMMP and Coastal Zone Management issues and his disappointment in the CTMC not being allowed to participate in making the presentation on maritime issues made to the TSB by OPM/TSB staff in September.

**VI Date of Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting is scheduled at 0930 Thursday 21 December 2006 at the CONNDOT HQ building in Newington, CT.

**VII. Adjournment:**

- A motion was made by Chuck Beck, seconded by Tom Dubno and approved unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 1123.