

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)
SUMMARY REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #02-12)
February 15, 2012**

Location of Meeting: Fort Trumbull Conference Center
90 Walbach Street
New London, CT 06320

Attendance:

Commissioners

Present

Chairman Joe Riccio
Chuck Beck (for Commissioner Redeker)
Tom Dubno
Dave LeVasseur (for OPM Secretary)
Michael Griffin
Bob Ross
Parker Wise
George Wisker (for Commissioner Esty)

Absent

Vincent Cashin
Commissioner Smith/Angelo
Vice Chairman John Johnson
Larry Miller
David Shuda

Guests

Jay Baird George Cassidy John Crowther Ned Farman Scot Graham James Gura
Ned Hammon Martha Klimas Joe Maco Jennifer McDermott Stan Mickus Dave Rossiter
Joe Salvatore Henry Savin Brian Thompson Grant Westerson

I. Call to Order:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 0940. A quorum of 8 was present. Commissioners present introduced themselves followed by introductions of the audience.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes:

The summary report of the January 18, 2012 meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by George Wisker to approve the summary report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dubno and was approved by a unanimous vote.

III Discussion Open to Public. The Chairman asked for the cooperation of the public present. He explained that the plan for the meeting was to abbreviate the published agenda to provide as much time as possible for the Moffat and Nichol, the consultant hired to conduct the Study of a Strategy for the Economic Development of the New Haven, New London and Bridgeport ports (otherwise known as the Port Study), to make a presentation to the Commission. A question and answer period would take place among the consultant and the Commissioners. Once concluded the CTMC meeting would adjourn but Moffat and Nichol would stay to take Q&A with the public. The Chairman allowed for any important remarks from the public. Hearing none the agenda was advanced.

IV Old Business:

A. Dredging Update – Joe Salvatore advised that the RFP to hire a consultant to initiate the Eastern Long Island Sound Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (ELIS SEIS) was on the street. Joe also advised that a Long Island Sound Executive Steering Committee meeting had been held at the ConnDOT HQ on Wednesday February 8, 2012

B OPSAIL2012CT Update–In the absence of Vice Chairman Johnson, Chuck Beck and Scot Graham provided an update on OPSAIL2012CT event taking place Friday July 6, 2012 through Monday July 9, 2012. It was reported that 5 Class A tall ships and 8 Class B tall ships have committed to participating in the OPSAIL2012CT event. Additionally, a USN LSD, a Canadian AOR, a Portuguese sub

and 4 USNA YPs have also committed to participate. It was also reported that the OPM Secretary Barnes recently notified the OPSAIL2012CT committee that the State would match donations to the Committee for the event on a \$1 for every \$2 dollar basis up to a total of \$500K.

C. Long Island Sound Area Maritime Security Council (LIS AMSC) Update –Scot Graham of CG Sector LIS provided stated that the FY 2012 PSG guidance should be announced within the next day or two. It is expected that the due date for applications will be very similar to past grant offering (60-90 days). The amount of money to be made available is unknown at this time. The CT Group II ports (New London, New Haven and Bridgeport) shared \$1.5M in FY 2011 which was down from the \$4.5M made available in FY 2010. Group IV ports shared \$12M nationally last year. Scot also advised of an upcoming FEMA webinar event taking place on February 22, 2012.

D. Long Island Sound Harbor Safety Committee (LIS HSC) Update –.Nothing reported.

E. State Pier Needs and Deficiency Study and RFP Update – Chuck Beck advised that the RFP for the Management, Marketing and Operational Services for the State Pier Facility process had been terminated without an award o three main reasons: the quantity/quality of the submittals, the desire to wait for the results of the Port Study results, the need to determine the affect the Public-Private-Partnership legislation passed by the CT Legislature last session might have on the process.

V New Business:

Moffat and Nichol, the consultant hired to conduct the Study of a Strategy for the Economic Development Of the New Haven, New London and Bridgeport ports (otherwise known as the Port Study), made a presentation to the Commission. Members of the M&N team present consisted of Pierce Homer, Lloyd Thompson, Helga Junold and Najib Habesch. Lloyd Thompson used a brief power point presentation to walk through the process. Information on the M&N team experience and qualifications was provided. An outline of the approach was described as a top down and bottom up approach. The key initially was to determine the movement of goods into and out of the region by defining the What, Where, How, Who the Competitive Position and a Trend Analysis. The What equated to identification of high volume commodities both foreign and domestic. The Where equated to determining origins and destinations of commodities The How equated to determining modal preference used such as water, rail, truck and air. The Who equated to identifying the Beneficial Cargo Owners and their characteristics. Competitive Position will involve establishing a market cost structure as well as determining the feasibility of diverting cargo from present modes of transportation to others. Trend Analysis will compare the 2010 data with pre-recession information, identification of significant changes, assessing the growth potential for and identifying potential for creating jobs. The previous port studies will be reviewed but the Port Study will provide a market analysis. In response to a question about whether or not distribution centers would be considered, it was stated that distribution centers would be included in the process as well as interviewing the major stakeholders in each of the three deep draft ports both public and private. In response to a question, it was stated that the types of vessels delivering cargo would be considered. In response to a question about the difficulty gather data, it was stated that generally there has not been a problem but there could be some issues obtaining "confidential" data. It was also stated that the compressed timeline for completing the study is challenging but not yet a problem. In response to a question about what assistance the CTMC might provide, it was stated that hosting the presentation was a good start. Additionally, all were invited to provide points of contact that might be felt important to the process. In response to a comment, it was stated that the M&N team was fully aware of the past studies completed and the need to focus on the market analysis. The team is also aware of ongoing related studies on looking at Emission Reduction and an Energy Plan within the CT DEEP. It was also recognized that recommendations on how to expand the market using the ports should be part of the conclusion. In response to a question, it was stated that part of the study process would be a review of regulatory issues and potential barriers created by layers of government would be conducted. The result could potentially address governance structures that would best facilitate growth such as a statewide port authority.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional questions from the Commissioners and hearing none advanced the agenda.

VI Executive Session – none held.

VII Date of Next Meeting: It was announced that the next meeting of the CTMC would be held at the **U.S. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound offices in New Haven, CT at 0930 on Wednesday March 21, 2012.**

VIII Adjournment: -. A motion to adjourn was made by George Wisker, seconded by Commissioner Ross and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 10:17 AM.