

CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)
SUMMARY REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #03-14)
March 19, 2013

Location of Meeting: Conn-DOT HQ Building
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131

Attendance:

Commissioners

Present

Michael Griffin
Joe Riccio
Parker Wise
John Johnson
Dave LeVasseur (for OPM Secretary)
Tom Dubno
Bob Ross
George Wisker (for DEEP Commissioner)

Absent

Commissioner Redeker/Chuck Beck
Commissioner Smith/Tim Sullivan
Stan Mickus
Larry Miller
Dave Shuda

Guests

Ned Farman Judy Sheiffele Scot Graham Martha Klimas Grant Westerson
Alan Stevens Dave Rossiter

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Joe Riccio called the meeting to order at 0931. A quorum was present. The Chairman asked for all present to introduce themselves starting with the Commissioners.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes:

The summary report of the February 19, 2014 meeting was reviewed. A motion to approve the summary report was made by Dave LeVasseur. George Wisker provided a second and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Dubno abstained.

III Discussion Open to Public No comments offered.

IV Old Business:

Dredging Update – George Wisker stated that projects are still coming in for review. The DMMP is still moving ahead, and the Army Corp estimates that it will be completed in 2015. There is an EPA Webinar scheduled for April 3, 2014 that can be considered as a sort of Dredging 101. Commissioner Griffin asked about the New Haven project. Judy Sheiffele reported that the dredging activity in New Haven was on hold, but it is anticipated that dredging would resume and be completed before May 1, 2014. A discussion took place that speculated on how to coordinate the request for deepening of New Haven harbor. Commissioner Ross reminded all about the important work being done at UCONN Avery Point regarding sea level rise and future port infrastructure improvements.

LIS AMSC/HSC Update – Scott Graham provided USCG change of command information at the Commandant and District levels. The Port Security Grant funding level for 2014 increased from \$37M in 2013 to \$ 45M. The application period runs from now until 23 May 2014. There is still a fund matching requirement and a performance period of 24 months for projects to be considered. The review is envisioned to be done by the same ad hoc subcommittee of members solicited from the Long Island Sound Area Maritime Security Committee. The committee recommendations will go to the Sector Command for review, and Captain Ed Cubanski will make the final request. Scot Graham also reminded the CTMC about

the TIGER grant program, and reported that the applications were due by April 21, 2014. In a previous communication, the CTMC was offered information on TIGER and how to register for TIGER webinars. The LIS Area Maritime Security Plan update is due to be submitted by Scot Graham in June 2014. There will be a field exercise conducted in the vicinity of the Nuclear Power Station located in Waterford in September 2014, which will include a maritime element for antiterrorism security. Scot Graham mentioned that a new method of vapor control systems which allows for less expensive mobile equipment to be placed on site at marine terminals when needed may be coming to the market place soon. USCG has yet to issue a national approval of any mobile vapor control system.

Connecticut Port Authority – Legislative Update – Vice Chairman Johnson reported that the Transportation Committee voted unanimously in favor of the proposed legislation yesterday. A discussion followed involving how CTMC had participated and that the language in the proposed legislation was better than last year.

National Coast Guard Museum – Vice Chairman Johnson gave a detailed report of the schedule that the fundraising and the construction project were following. An important New London Planning and Zoning decision has just been voted on positively this week, and now will go for consideration by the New London City Council. In addition he announced that a ground-breaking ceremony with the Governor, the Commandant, the Mayor of New London and the Chairman of the NCGMA will take place 2 May commencing at 1:00PM at City Pier. Congressman Courtney and Senator Blumenthal are expected also. Invitations will be mailed shortly.

V New Business:

LNG Developments – to be discussed in April

CT Deep Draft Ports Update – Bridgeport - Martha Klimas provided a handout with a detailed list of activities in Bridgeport. In addition, she provided a presentation to the CTMC on the highlights and current priorities for the Bridgeport Port Authority. The following topics were included in the presentation: Bridgeport Harbor Breakwaters, Bridgeport Shipyard Facility, High Speed Ferry Project, ConnDOT Rail Project #301-155, Barnum Landing, Foreign Trade Zone #76.

Cruise Ship Task Force – Deferred to another date.

VI Executive Session – none held.

VII Date of Next Meeting: All were reminded that the next meeting of the CTMC would be at ConnDOT HQ on **Wednesday April 16, 2014.**

VIII Adjournment: -. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dubno, seconded by Commissioner Griffin and passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM