

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)
SUMMARY REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #04-12)
April 18, 2012**

Location of Meeting: Bridgeport Regional Vocational Aquaculture School
60 St Stephens Road
Bridgeport, CT

Attendance:

Commissioners

Present

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

Absent

Ronald Angelo
Vincent Cashin
John Johnson
Larry Miller
David Shuda

Guests

Dan Coleman Martha Klimas Ed O'Donnell Dave Rossiter Joe Salvatore Joel Severance

I. Call to Order:

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 0930. A quorum of 8 was present. Commissioners/designees present introduced themselves followed by introductions of the audience.

II. Review of Meeting Minutes:

The summary report of the February 15, 2012 meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Commissioner Dubno to approve the summary report. The motion was seconded by George Wisker and approved by 8 affirmative votes.

III Discussion Open to Public

Martha Klimas advised that the Bridgeport Port Authority has submitted a request to the Army Corps of Engineers to fix the Bridgeport Harbor break wall. A study will be done.

IV Old Business:

A. Dredging Update – Joe Salvatore advised that the 10 of the LIS DMMP Working Group interviews have taken place, 9 of which are from CT entities. Two notable stakeholder interviews not yet conducted are CTDEEP and the CT Maritime Coalition. The next edition of the LIS DMMP Newsletter is due out around the end of the month. Joe advised all that a press conference had taken place in Westbrook the topic of which was the reprogramming of \$500K of federal funding to complete the Patchogue River dredging project. The federal funds will be supplemented with state funds. All were advised that the consultant selection process related to the Eastern Long Island sound Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (ELIS SEIS) has concluded. The CTDOT Commissioner is expected to make a selection soon. Ed O'Donnell reported that the plans and specifications as well as the MOA for the Patchogue River and Clinton Harbor projects were being worked on. He also stated that a request for the water quality certification and other CZM related issues will be made soon for the Housatonic dredging project. Some near shore disposal sites have been selected. Commissioner Griffin reported that he had a conversation with Mike Keegan concerning the lack of response to the DMMP interview process. It was suggested that an incentive might be that those who do not participate might be excluded from further participation. In response to an Inquiry from Commissioner Dubno about the status of the New

Haven dredging project, Ed O'Donnell reported that the sampling and testing of the material has been completed. Next step is an environmental assessment which will lead to application for the water quality certificate and review by the Regional Dredge Team (RDT) Ed further stated that the project is eligible and looks like it might make the cut for FY 2014 Federal funding. There was some additional discussion on the estimated quantity of material (650K-700K cy), the date of the last maintenance dredge (2004) and the approximate cost (\$10M). There was also some discussion comparing the relative need, difference in cost and disposal issues between the Bridgeport and New Haven dredging projects.

B OPSAIL2012CT – In the absence of Vice Chairman Johnson, Chuck Beck provided an update on OPSAIL2012CT. He stated the relative to other mostly larger ports involved in the national OPSAIL 2012 event, New London was fairing pretty well. New Orleans, the first stop is presently hosting the tall ships and navy vessels. Only three (03) Class A tall ships are participating, one of which is the Coast Guard Barque EAGLE. New London has two confirmed Class A vessel, a third tentative and a host of Class B and C vessels. Additionally, a USN LSD and three WYTL from the USN Academy will be participating in New London. Commissioner Ross indicated that the War of 1812 Commemoration planning group is considering adding a USN cruiser.

C. Long Island Sound Area Maritime Security Council (LIS AMSC) Update – No CG member present. Nothing to report. Chuck Beck did indicate that as a rule he distributes AMSC information to the CTMC distribution via e-mail as it is received from the CG.

D. Long Island Sound Harbor Safety Committee (LIS HSC) Update – No CG member present. Nothing to report.

E. Study of a Strategy for Economic Development of CT's Ports – Commissioner Ross reported that the consultant hired to conduct the study (Moffat and Nichol) was scheduled to report their progress to the CT state agency commissioners (OPM, DECD, DEEP and DOT) on Thursday afternoon April 19, 2012. The three deep draft port representatives were also invited.

V New Business:

A. CTMC Membership – Chuck Beck pointed out that at the end of the meeting package was information related to which elected official had appointed which CTMC Commissioner. The Chairman advised that the upcoming elections could cause a change in the appointing authorities.

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 ConnDOT HQ building located a 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT at 0930 on Wednesday May 16, 2012.

VIII Adjournment: - Before adjourning, Commissioner Griffin handed out copies of the Long Island Sound Assembly (LISA) Annual Report. Chuck Beck reminded all that a link to the report had previously been distributed to the CTMC e-mail distribution list. After some additional discussion on the report, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dubno, seconded by George Wisker and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 9:49 AM.