

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)  
SUMMARY REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #07-11)  
July 20, 2011**

**Location of Meeting:** CG Sector Long Island Sound Office  
140 Woodward Ave  
New Haven, CT

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners**

***Present***

Chuck Beck (for DOT Commissioner)  
Tom Dubno  
Michael Griffin  
Dave LeVasseur (for OPM Secretary)  
Larry Miller  
Joe Riccio  
David Shuda  
Peter Simmons (for DECD Commissioner)  
Parker Wise  
George Wisker (for DEEP Commissioner)

***Absent***

Ronald Angelo  
Vincent Cashin  
John Johnson

**Guests**

LT Ben Duarte    Ned Farman    Bill Gash    Martha Klimas    Joe Maco    Albert Martin  
Bob Ross    Dave Rossiter    Joe Salvatore    Bill Spicer    Capt Joe Vojvodich  
Grant Westerson

**I. Call to Order:**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 0930. A quorum of 9 was initially present with a 10<sup>th</sup> arriving a few minutes later. Commissioners/designees introduced themselves followed by introductions of the audience.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes:**

The summary report of the June 15, 2011 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 a unanimous vote.

**III Discussion Open to Public**

Joe Maco was recognized and thanked all for the opportunity to work with them during his tenure as the TSB Chairman's designee to the CTMC. The Chairman took the opportunity to divert from the agenda and advance an item scheduled to be discussed under New Business. He then read a letter of thanks from the CTMC signed by him to Joe for his service to the CTMC. The signed letter was then presented to Joe.

**IV Old Business:**

A. Dredging Update – Joe Salvatore advised that the Army Corps Dredge CURRITUCK had completed its work for the season in Westbrook/Clinton areas. There was some discussion on the amounts removed, where the material was deposited and the mechanical process of the CURRITUCK. Approximately 20K cubic yards of material was removed over a total 3 week period from the Patchogue River in Westbrook and Clinton Harbor and relocated to a near shore location adjacent the Hammonasset State Park Beach. The CURRITUCK might be available to work CT projects for a longer period next year. A new ACOE dredge is due to come on line this fall. It will be based in the NC area along with the CURRITUCK. Joe Salvatore advised that the LIS DMMP Working Group was on hiatus pending collation of the data and comments collected at the working group meetings. Joe advised that \$750K was requested by State Senator Daily and approved as a state bond issue for dredging the Patchogue River. In response to a question it was affirmed that the permits are in place. There was some additional discussion on media

coverage for the CURRITUCK dredging project as well as how the costs of the CURRITUCK compared to other dredging methods. George Wisker announced that the ACOE Programmatic General Permit for CT had been renewed.

B OPSAIL2012CT Update– In the absence of Vice Chairman Johnson, Chuck Beck reminded all that OPSAIL2012CT was taking place Friday July 6, 2012 through Monday July 9, 2012 in New London. The OPSAIL2012CT Committee was in the process of finalizing the agreement with OPSAIL2012 National. The Committee had also applied for a Maritime Event of National Significance (MENS) designation and permit from the Coast Guard.

C. NYYC Event update –In the absence of Vice Chairman Johnson, Chuck Beck reminded all that the New York Yacht Club (NYYC) has decided to center the 2011 annual cruise out of New London. They will be arriving on Friday 07/29/2011. A reception at the Coast Guard Academy is scheduled for Friday evening. A race will take place just off shore on Saturday. A formal dinner will be hosted at the Coast Guard Academy Saturday evening. The Thames America's Cup Committee (TACC) has developed a port information pamphlet to be distributed to the NYYC participants and other boaters to entice them to visit the sites and shops in the greater New London area.

D. Long Island Sound Area Maritime Security Council (LIS AMSC) Update – Captain Vojvodich stated that he and his staff have been traveling around meeting with the Marine Groups (MGs) for the port areas to facilitate the development of the Port Concept of Operations (CONOP) related to the Area Maritime Security plan for the Long Island Sound area. He then introduced LT Ben Duarte as LT Judd Coleman's relief.

E. Long Island Sound Harbor Safety Committee (LIS HSC) Update – Captain Vojvodich reported that the LIS HSC was on summer hiatus thus had nothing new to report.

F. Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Letter –

**V New Business:**

A. New England Governors' and Maritime Premiers' Conference – Chuck Beck reported that Governor Malloy was scheduled to attend the conference in Halifax that was taking place on or about July 10, 2011. Arrangements had tentatively been set for the Governor to tour the Port of Halifax while at the conference. It is unknown as to whether other pressing business had allowed the Governor to attend the conference.

B. State Pier Request for Expressions of Interest - Chuck Beck stated that the consultant hired to conduct the State Pier Deficiencies and Needs Study had sent letters to specific entities to determine their level of interest in conducting business at the State Pier facility after the current leases expire on January 31, 2011. Once the RFI process is concluded and RFP leading to the next leases will distributed.

C. TIGER Grant III – Chuck Beck stated that the TIGER Grant III solicitation was on the streets. He brought to the attention that information on TIGER III was part of the meeting package.

D. CTMC Personnel Issues – Intended to present Joe Maco with a letter of appreciation which was covered above. The Chairman took the opportunity to raise a new issue. He reminded all that in the last proposed budget published, contained a \$1M legislative earmark in CTDOT's Capital Budget to develop a strategy for economic development in the ports of New Haven, New London and Bridgeport. Commissioner Dubno questioned the need for such a study adding the recently conducted CT Maritime Coalition Economic Impact Study which extensively relied upon data from the ACOE LIS DMMP draft study contained such information. He added that there have been several similar port studies over the past 10 or so years, none of which have been acted upon. Commissioner Shuda stated that what is needed is a market study. A market

study would determine who the potential customers are in the region that would use the ports as a means for importing/exporting their products. Commissioner Dubno implored that whoever is responsible for conducting the study needs to talk with the port facility operators as well as the responsible state agencies such as CTDOT, CTDECD and CTDEEP. Commissioner Wise noted that he had recently attended a CMC meeting and heard the same concerns and beliefs. Bill Gash confirmed that the CMC had recently come to the same conclusion and opinion. The Chairman proposed that the CTMC send a letter to the Governor recommending that the focus of the study requested by the legislature be on marketing vs infrastructure. Commissioner Dubno recommended that the proposed letter include a reference to the CMC study. Peter Simmons recommended that the proposed letter be a joint letter from both the CTMC and the CMC. Commissioner Dubno moved that the CTMC/CMC jointly send a letter to the Governor recommending that the legislatively required study focus on marketing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker and passed by unanimous vote. The letter will be on CTMC letterhead with a signature line for the Chairman of the CTMC and one for the Chairman of the CMC.

**VI Executive Session – none held.**

**VII Date of Next Meeting:** It was announced that there is **NO MEETING IN AUGUST**. The next meeting of the CTMC will be held at 0930 at the CONNDOT Headquarters in Conference Room A, 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT on Wednesday September 21, 2011.

**VIII Adjournment:** -. A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dubno, seconded by Peter Simmons and passed by unanimous vote. The meeting ended at 10:21 AM.