

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)  
REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #07-01)  
17 January 2007**

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

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners**

***Present***

Chuck Beck (for Commissioner Carpenter)  
Vincent Cashin  
Tom Dubno  
Ginne-Rae Gilmore (for Comm Abromaitis)  
Judy Gott  
G.L. "Doc" Gunther  
John Johnson  
Joseph P. Maco (for TSB Chair Kelleher)  
Joseph Riccio  
Martin Toyen  
George Wisker (for Comm McCarthy)  
Kaye Williams

***Absent***

David Shuda  
Jon Wronwoski  
Phil Smith (for Secretary Genaurio)

**Guests**

John Crowther                      David Domogala                      Ed O'Donnell    Dave Rossiter    Bill Spicer  
Brian Thompson                      Kurt Walton

**I. Call to Order:**

- Chairman Marty Toyen opened the meeting at 09:33. A quorum of 12 was present.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes:**

- The draft minutes of the 21 December 2006 meeting were reviewed. Bill Spicer provided a minor change to the comments attributed to him in the second paragraph of Discussion Open to Public. The minutes were approved unanimously after a motion by Judy Gott and second by Chuck Beck.

**III Discussion Open to Public**

- Doc Gunther offered comments about the Harbor Management Association submitting comments to FREC about the Broadwater project. A copy was provided.

**IV Old Business:**

- Status of the Dredge Material Management Plan (DMMP) –Ed O'Donnell offered an update on the Bridgeport Harbor DMMP progress. He stated that testing will be conducted soon to determine the limits of the "acceptable/unacceptable" dredge material. There is an estimated 650K cubic yards of material needed to be removed from the Bridgeport Harbor channels. There appears to be sufficient CAD cell locations within the harbor to handle all of the material. He also stated that funding for the Bridgeport planning work is just about exhausted. Doc Gunther asked questions about the Innovative Technology project related to Bridgeport Harbor. It was explained that the materials being used did not come out of Bridgeport Harbor. The materials are from New Jersey.

The Long Island Sound DMMP will begin the public “scoping” process in Spring 2007. There was some discussion on the cost per yard associated with the various methods of disposing of the dredged material. To treat dredged materials prior to disposal costs about \$150/cu yd. To put clean material in a CAD cell costs about \$20/cu yd. Open water disposal of materials cost about \$10/cu yd.

- Dredge Coordinator Position – Chuck Beck reported that the TE 2 Dredging Project Coordinator position was filled on 12/29/2006. He then introduced Joe Salvatore, the newly hired Dredge Project Coordinator in the CT Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Aviation and Ports. There was a discussion related to getting Joe up to speed and the feasibility of having him attend neighboring state’s dredging meetings. The Chairman stated that the CTMC should write a letter to the Commissioner of DOT thanking him for the attention being given to the State’s dredging issues. There was additional discussion about funding for the position to allow travel.

CT Maritime Cluster (CMC)/DECD Development of Commercial/Recreational Data - The Chairman reported on the sub-committee meeting with Bill Gash and a CTMC sub-committee consisting of Judy Gott, Carmen Molina-Rios (Ginne-Rae Gilmore’s representative) and himself. A second meeting to determine the specifications of a data study is being scheduled.

- Revenue Sources for Maritime Projects/Proposed Draft Legislation - Chuck Beck reported that he had learned that Representative Miller had submitted a Bill identical to one submitted last year to create a Dredging Task Force to study the needs of the state. Doc Gunther said that he would call Representative Miller and explain that the Bill is not needed due to its duplication of effort with the CT Maritime Commission. The Chair and Joe Riccio stated that they would reach out to Representative Miller as well. There was a discussion concerning the Chairman’s effort to schedule a meeting with the new co-chairs of the Transportation Committee to seek their support/sponsorship of the draft Harbor Improvement Fund legislation. Sending a letter to the co-chairs was discussed but it was decided that the meeting should be first. Chuck Beck stated that he had had a discussion about CT’s dredging needs with Senator Len Fasano (Chair of the Governor’s Long Island Sound LNG Task Force) at a recent LIS LNG TF meeting. The Senator asked for a copy of the draft Harbor Improvement Fund legislation and one was provided. There was some discussion about the pending TSB report/update to the State Transportation Strategy as a possible springboard for support of the dredging fund legislation.
- CT River and Bridgeport Presentations on Dredging - The discussion centered on decreasing commercial use of the CT River as a commercial waterway. Joel Severance will be asked to provide a presentation on the dredging needs of the CT River at the next CTMC meeting. Similarly Joe Riccio was asked to provide a presentation on the dredging needs of Bridgeport Harbor. Doc Gunther provided some historical context to the need to dredge all of the State’s rivers to restore their respective historic use. He also made remarks concerning a Bill he sponsored 15 years ago to create a Housatonic River Commission.
- Annual Report – After some discussion, a vote was taken on the adoption of the draft CTMC Annual Report previously circulated. Motion to adopt was made by Vin Cashin with a second by Tom Dubno. The motion was approved unanimously.

## V New Business:

- Private Dredging Project – Dave Domogala from PSEG provided information on a dredging project being planned adjacent to the power plant's fuel offloading pier in Bridgeport Harbor. Presently, low sulfur coal from Indonesia used as fuel for electricity generation at the plant arrives via a Panamax sized vessel. Since the vessel can not get into the harbor or along side the off-load facility due to its size, the vessel anchors outside the harbor. The coal is then "lightered" onto barges by a trans-loader vessel. The privately funded PSEG dredging project will make the berth adjacent to the current T pier wider to accommodate a trans-loader and Panamax vessel side by side as well as improve the turning basin adjacent to the berth. There were questions and discussion about the project. Mr. Domogala was invited back to a future CTMC meeting (February or March) to make a full presentation.
- Federal Energy Resource Commission (FERC) Hearings - Joe Maco provided information on the public hearings recently held by FERC in CT and NY on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) related to the Broadwater LNG project. Joe stated that it appeared that only those in opposition attended the meetings in any great numbers. He also stated that most of the remarks made by elected official, all of who are in opposition, were inaccurate or at least based on misinformation. Doc Gunther stated that he had attended a meeting between the Governor's LIS LNG TF and FERC to discuss the poor quality of FERC's DEIS. A question was raised as to whether or not the CTMC should provide comments. The Chair explained that when the LIS LNG TF was first formed, he had petitioned the Governor's office to provide a seat on the TF to the CTMC. The request was denied. However, he as well as Chuck Beck (representing the DOT Commissioner on the TF) had attended most if not all of the LIS LNG meetings, hearings and workgroup meetings. He also stated that the LIS LNG TF had drafted an Interim Report. Joe Maco stated that he asked Senator Fasano, Chair of the LIS LNG TF, for a copy of the Interim Report. Chuck Beck stated that the report and all of the information collected by the LIS LNG TF could be found on the web at (<http://www.ctlng.state.ct.us/index.htm>). Chuck Beck provided a summary of the formation and work of the LIS LNG TF. Doc Gunther opined that there weren't any maritime concerns with the Broadwater project; all of the concerns were environmental.
- Ambro Update – Vin Cashin asked for an update on the move to appeal the Ambro Amendment. Bill Spicer provided an update. He questioned the CT Attorney General's comments made recently about the states of CT and NY "jointly sharing" Long Island Sound. Judy Gott will attempt to arrange a meeting with the CT Congressional delegation and members of the CTMC to discuss both dredging issues including repeal of Ambro.
- Errata - Joe Maco asked if the CTMC should invite other maritime facility operators to make presentations. The discussion expanded to inviting other maritime related organization to present. The Chair stated that he would make an attempt to contact various organizations, determine their interest and get them on the agenda for future meetings

## VI Date of Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled at 0930 **Wednesday** 21 February 2007 at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center in New London, CT.

## VII. Adjournment:

- A motion was made by Vin Cashin, seconded by John Johnson and approved unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 11 09.