

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)**  
**SUMMARY REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #12-14)**  
**December 17, 2014**  
**Annual Meeting**

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

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners**

***Present***

Joe Riccio  
John Johnson  
DECD Commissioner Smith  
DEEP Commissioner Klee  
Chuck Beck (for DOT Commissioner Redeker)  
Tom Dubno  
Dave LeVasseur (for OPM Secretary Barnes)  
Stan Mickus  
Bob Ross  
Grant Westerson  
Parker Wise

***Absent***

Mike Griffin  
Dave Shuda

**Guests**

Julia Bergman	Deborah Donovan	Ned Farman	Scot Graham	Martha Klimas
Megan McGovern	Penny Parsekian	Joe Salvatore	Bill Spicer	Tim Sullivan
George Wisker				

**I. Call to Order:**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. A quorum was present. The Chairman asked for all present to introduce themselves starting with the Commissioners. The Chairman congratulated Commissioners Klee and Smith and made reference to Secretary Barnes and Commissioner Redeker on their reappointment as head of their respective state agencies by the Governor.

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes:**

A motion to approve the summary report of the November 19, 2014 CTMC meeting was made by Vice Chairman Johnson seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed by unanimous voice vote.

**III Discussion Open to Public** LT Megan McGovern NOAA advised all that the NOAA web site would be unavailable the weekend of December 20-21 for maintenance. Access to electronic charts would not be affected. She also reminded all that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has transitioned to a print-on-demand digital format for its nautical charts. The chart catalogs have been transformed into letter-sized documents. It will consider making the front page of the large-format chart catalog if sufficient demand exists. Comments on this topic are due by 30 April 2015. More information can be found in 79 Fed. Reg. 70854 located at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-11-28/pdf/2014-28091.pdf>.

Penny Parsekian from the Thames River Heritage Park advised that the TRHP Year End Update was available and had been emailed to Chuck Beck who will forward it to the CTMC. Included in the email is an example of a letter of support for the TRHP, a report on the water taxi service pilot program initiated last summer and a draft report on the TRHP experience. In response to a question from the Vice Chairman, Deborah Donovan stated that the TRHP had had discussions with Bridgeport about the Pleasant Beach water taxi operation.

Bill Spicer reported that he had recently attended an Ocean Planning meeting held in New Haven. He felt that the effort was more directed to ocean zoning than ocean planning. Mr. Spicer expressed concern that there were no representatives from the shipping or fishing industries in attendance at the meeting. Thus, the attendees were predominately from environmentally oriented organizations. A report is due in 1 to 2 years.

#### **IV Old Business:**

**Dredging Update** –Joe Salvatore advised that the Gilford Federal Navigation Project (FNP) dredging had started. Approximately 5K cuyrds of the material will be relocated on Hammonasset Beach with the remaining 50K cuyrds of the dredge material being relocated to the Central Long Island Sound (CLIS) disposal site. Joe reported that the Mystic River FNP dredging project had also started with work being initiated north of the bridges. The Mystic River FNP dredge materials (approximately 250K cuyrds) will be relocated to the New London Disposal Site (NLDS). The two Mystic River Auxiliary Channels located south of the railroad bridge had been bid as options to the FNP solicitation. However, the NYDOS submitted a letter of objection to the disposal of the Auxiliary Channel dredge material at NLDS. Thus, the dredging of the Mystic River Auxiliary Channels is on hold pending re-permitting to relocate the material to the CLIS site. In a response to a question from Commissioner Westerson, Joe Salvatore stated that the Auxiliary channels will get dredged if not this year then next. He also advised that the State Maritime Office was well aware of and had attended meetings with the private marinas that had hoped to be dredged this season and the trickling in letters of objection from NYDOS which will cause the private marinas to re-permit their disposal plans for CLIS. The need for the private marinas to coordinate with the State Maritime Office to provide capping material from a yet unidentified dredging project next year was discussed.

Joe Salvatore advised that two public meetings concerning the Eastern Long Island Sound Supplementary Environmental Impact Study (ELIS SEIS) had recently been held; one in Riverhead NY on Long Island and one at Fort Trumbull in New London, CT. Both meetings were well attended. Dr. Bohlen from UConn Avery Point presented a summary of the ELIS SEIS completed to date that answered most questions before they were asked. In response to a question about which site in ELIS is best, Joe stated that it is too early to draw any conclusions. In response to a question about the timeline for the ELIS SEIS final report, Joe stated that a draft report should be completed by December 22015 allowing for more public meetings and comment periods. The goal is to have an approved final report by December 2016.

**LIS AMSC/HSC Update** – Captain Scot Graham USCG (ret) passed CO CG Sector LIS Captain Cubanski's regards and regrets that he could not attend then provided comments on behalf of CG Sector LIS. Scot mentioned that Chuck Beck had already forwarded emails to the CTMC concerning Heightened Security Awareness and a notice of a public meeting on Cyber Security Standards being held January 15, 2015. Scot also advised that he s/v MAYFLOWERII was in Mystic Seaport for an overhaul that will take several months.

#### **Maritime Heritage Festival – Update**

Vice Chairman Johnson advised that with the assistance of Commissioner Ross, Governor Malloy has sent a letter to USCG Commandant Paul Zukunft notifying that he summer of 2015 has been designated by the Governor a Coast Guard Summer. Commissioner Ross added that the designation is intended to honor the 225 anniversary of the creation of the CG, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CG Academy being located in New London, the decision to locate the National Coast Guard Museum in New London and the prospects of New London being designated a Coast Guard City. The CG Summer 2015 Festivities will start with a boat show in June and culminate with the Maritime Heritage Festival (MHF) in September. The Vice Chairman reported that a Liberty Ship, the John W. Brown, will be part of the MHF and the MHF committee is pursuing getting the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY located in Rhode Island to participate as well. The Vice Chairman stated that in addition to LTGOV Wyman agreeing to serve as Honorary Chair of MHF 2015, former CG Commandant and Norwich, CT native ADM Robert Papp has agreed to serve as co-chair.

Connecticut Port Authority Working Group - Update (PAWG)  
Commissioner Smith provided an update stating that the CTMC was well represented on the PAWG and that she has been impressed with the dialog and passion among the PAWG members. A third PAWG meeting had been held on December 1<sup>st</sup> in New Haven. The focus of the PAWG is to create an implementation plan for the CT Port Authority to the CT Legislature early in the 2015 session. The Chairman advised that the draft summary report of the December 1 PAWG meeting as well as other materials presented at the meeting were part of the CTMC meeting package. Tim Sullivan added that representatives from each of the three deep draft ports (Bridgeport, New Haven and New London) made a presentation about their respective port at the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The two subcommittees created (Governance/Structure and Geographic) also reported out on their progress. The next meeting is scheduled to be held at CTDOT HQ in Newington on January 6, 2015.

**V New Business:**

Annual Report – The Chairman reminded all that a draft 2014 Annual Report was part of the meeting package. He asked all of the CTMC Commissioners and designees to review the draft and provide any edits/changes to Chuck Beck as soon as possible. The intent is to have a final draft presented at the January 2015 meeting to be acted upon.

**VI Executive Session – none held.**

**VII Date of Next Meeting:** All were reminded that the next meeting of the CTMC will be held at 0930 at ConnDOT HQ on **Wednesday January 21, 2015.**

**VIII Adjournment:** - A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Vice Chairman Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.