

Connecticut Pilot Commission
Summary Report February 16, 2016 Public Meeting
New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy
New Haven, CT

1. **Call to Order** - The public meeting was called to order at 10:21 a.m. by Chairman William Gash. Member's David Pohorylo, Michael Peszke, Charles Beck, Wynne Bohannon (10:36), Michael Eisele, Joseph Salvatore, Chris Clark and Ralph Gogliettino (10:25) were also present. Also attending were Paul Constabile, Ben Goetsch, Charles Jonas, Adam Richardson, and Donald Toby.
2. **Summary Report** - A motion was made to approve the summary report of January 15, 2016 (Beck /Salvatore). Motion passed - unanimous.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **U.S. Coast Guard Comments** – None
5. **Continuing Business:**
 - A. NTSB Pilot Fatigue - Member Joe Salvatore reported that the draft response letter submitted by the Commission is on the DOT Commissioner's desk for consideration/signature.
 - B. Extension of Route – The Chairman reported meeting with Nick Neeley (Transportation Committee) on this proposed legislation.
 - D. Annual Report – Discussion of draft Report resulted in several revisions. A motion was made to approve the Report with revisions (Eisele/Beck). Motion passed - unanimous.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. EEZ Clarification Act – The Commission reviewed H.R. 3070, the *EEZ Clarification Act*, which proposes to adjust the boundary of the exclusive economic zone in Block Island Sound. The Commission also heard a presentation regarding the proposed legislation from Ben Goetsch of Briarpatch Enterprises, representing commercial fishing interests. The Commission discussed whether H.R. 3070, if enacted, might support a contention that the western end of Block Island Sound is territorial water of New York State not subject to the provisions of the Federal Boundary Waters Act, entitling New York to exclusively regulate pilotage in those waters. The Commission noted that under the language of the Bill, the boundary change would apply only for “purposes of all Federal laws governing marine fisheries management” and that under the Memorandum of Agreement New York and Connecticut currently recognize each other's licenses, mooted any potential dispute concerning the right of Connecticut-licensed pilots to pilot ships in Block Island Sound. The Commission will continue to monitor the progress of H.R. 3070.

Joe Salvatore reminded the Commission of the upcoming Proposed Amendment to Central and Western Long Island Sound Dredge Material Disposal Sites.

Proposed Rule Public Hearings:

Public Hearing #1: March 1, 2016

5-7:00 p.m. (registration begins at 4:30)

Port Jefferson Free Library

100 Thompson Street, Port Jefferson, NY 11777

Public Hearing #2: March 2, 2016

3:30-5:30 p.m. (registration begins at 3:00)

University of Connecticut, Stamford

Auditorium 2 (A2), 2nd floor, 1 University Place, Stamford, CT. 06901

7. **Executive Session** – None.
8. **Motion to Adjourn** - (Bohonnon/Eisele) unanimous. Adjourned at 11:02