

**Connecticut Pilot Commission
Summary Report March 18, 2014 Public Meeting
New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy
230 Ella Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT**

- 1.) The public meeting was called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Bill Gash. Pilot Commission members Alan Blume, Mike Eisele, Phil Gaughran, Ralph Gogliettino and Dave Pohorylo were also present. Also attending were Charlie Jonas, Joseph P. Maco, Paul Costibile, Dave Rossiter, Alan T. Stevens, Adam Richardson, Tom Dubno, James Amarante, Gwenda Amarante and Bill Lopes.
- 2.) A motion was made to approve the summary report of the January 21, 2014 meeting by Dave Pohorylo and seconded by Ralph Gogliettino. Mike Eisele abstained. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 3.) Public Comments - Jim Amarante stated his intentions to meet with members of the RSEB after the CPC meeting
- 4.) U.S. Coast Guard Comments – None
- 5.) Rotation System Administrative Report – None
- 6.) Rotation System Executive Report - None
- 7.) Connecticut Department of Transportation – Dave Rossiter reported on 2/17/2014 a collapse and slough of material from the CVRR pier into the waters between the CVRR pier and the Admiral Shear State Pier took place during the mooring of the M/V Atlantic Daisy on the west side of the State Pier. The causative factors are believed to be the prop wash from the forward assist tug and the deteriorated condition of the CVRR the east side granite block retaining wall noted in past inspection report. Rossiter reported that Chuck Beck advised Logistec and the Thames River Seafood COOP that the area between the State Pier and CVRR Pier is closed to all vessel until repairs are completed. ConnDOT has executed an emergency declaration to initiate design/repair which includes retrieval of fallen material and sheet pile remediation.
- 8.) Executive Session - Chairman Bill Gash announced that the Connecticut Pilot Commission would recess to an Executive Session. The Executive Session commenced at approximately 10:10 AM. The public meeting was reconvened at 10:45 AM. Chairman Gash reported that no motions were made and no votes were taken.
- 9.) Continuing Business:
 - A. Investigative Process for Incidents/Accidents – Commissioner Alan Blume will forward a document for discussion to the Pilot Commission members before the regular April meeting for discussion at that time.
 - B. P.O.R.T.S. – The matter is pending in anticipation of a favorable vote at the Connecticut Bond Commission meeting. It is anticipated that the request for this funding will go before the Connecticut Bond Commission in March 2014.
 - C. Pilot Licensing Requirements – Chairman Gash stated that the CT pilots have written a letter to the ConnDOT Commissioner requesting clarification on a specific pilot license issued to a pilot licensed by New York for New Haven Harbor. The Commission agreed to hold discussion until a response was received from the ConnDOT Commissioner.

- D. Pilot Training – Commissioner Gaughran noted that there aren't any apprentice pilots "in the pipeline" at this time. Alan Blume reminded the Pilot Commission that there had been a "gap" identified in the past, and with reduced ship arrivals/ departures continuing, it is still an issue that the Pilot Commission should be prepared to consider. Alternatives discussed in the past such as simulated trips or other vetted methods to reduce pilot training trip requirements may need to be considered as recommendations to the ConnDOT in the future.

10.) New Business

- a. Goals and Objectives – No discussion or comments

- b. CPC Annual Report – Chairman Bill Gash reports that the Annual Report is ready to be adopted and sent out. There have been no further comments received. A motion was made by Commissioner Eisele to accept and distribute the Annual Report as presented, and seconded by Commissioner Blume. There was no discussion, and the report was unanimously approved.

- c. Pilot Training and Safety Equipment Fee – Paul Costibile reports that there has now been a small accrual of this Fee. There was a short discussion of how the New York Board distributes funds for training. It was suggested that the Rotation System Executive Board (RSEB) be used to recommend how the funds should be distributed pending approval from ConnDOT. The Fee will be discussed at an RSEB meeting following the CPC meeting.

- d. Gross Earnings Tax – A brief discussion on the history of this tax, and a comparison to other professional licensees was concluded with a general consensus that it may be time to look at modifying this Tax to a flat fee, or a sunset provision. Dave Rossiter added background on the creation of the gross earning tax. He stated that the 6% tax was adopted by regulation in 1981-82. At that time, one of the CT State licensed pilots challenged the validity of the tax based on legal sufficiency, and non-compliance with CT's Uniform Administrative Procedure Act. Commissioner Eisele agreed to draft a letter for the Connecticut Pilot Commission to consider sending to ConnDOT.

10. Adjourn - A motion was made by Commissioner Gogliettino to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pohorylo and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

The Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 15, 2014 at the New Haven Fire Academy, 230 Ella Grasso Blvd. in New Haven, CT**