



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONNECTICUT PILOT COMMISSION



**Connecticut Department of Transportation
2006 Special Meeting
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington CT**

The public meeting was called to Order at 8:02 a.m. Pilot Commission members Michael J. Eisele, Vernon C. Miller, Jr., William Gash, Captain Vincent L. Cashin, and Captain Charles C. Beck were present. Also in attendance were Richard Jaworski, Dave Rossiter, and Alan Stevens (CT DOT), CAPT Peter Boynton, U.S.C.G. and LTJG Douglas Miller, U.S.C.G. (Sector Long Island Sound), Captain Michael Ball and Captain Ken Warner (Block Island Pilots), Captain Charlie Jonas and Captain Ted Melancon (Interport Pilots), Captain Thomas Walker (Long Island Sound State Pilots Association), Captain William Mulligan (Connecticut State Marine Pilots Association), and Robert H. Pouch (Board of Commissioners of Pilots of the State of New York).

Mr. Eisele noted that the Secretary of State was provided notice of this special meeting and an agenda on July 27, 2006. Captain Beck circulated copies of the notice.

Mr. Eisele advised the Commission that he had completed polling of the eight pilots currently participating on the Connecticut side of the rotation and that Captain Cashin had been elected as the pilot representative on the Commission by affirmative votes cast by Captains Cashin, Mulligan, Clarke, Sanford, and Eulitt. On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Gash, the Commission voted unanimously to recognize Captain Cashin as the pilot representative on the Commission. Mr. Eisele also noted that DOT Commissioner Korta had previously designated Captain Beck to sit on the Commission as the DOT representative. Mr. Eisele welcomed Captain Beck and Captain Cashin to the Commission and advised that he would notify the Secretary of State of both appointments.

On the motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Eisele, the Commission voted unanimously (Mr. Gash abstaining) to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2006 public meeting as drafted. Mr. Eisele noted that there was no quorum at the July 13, 2006 public meeting.

Captain Beck presented a proposal by DOT to engage a contractor to manage and operate a marine pilotage system for the waters subject to the Memorandum of Agreement between Connecticut and New York. As envisioned, the contractor would be responsible for providing, maintaining, and operating pilot boats, determining the location of pilot boats, developing an apprentice training program, developing a training program for current pilots, administering a pilot work schedule for both registered and enrolled work, dispatching pilots, collecting fees, making distributions to pilots, enforcing work rules (subject to state

approval), and complying with all applicable state and federal regulations. Captain Beck advised that implementation of this proposal would likely be accomplished within the existing statutory and regulatory framework and the terms of the NY/CT Memorandum of Agreement. DOT intends to develop a detailed Request for Proposals, specifying its requirements for potential contractors.

The Commission discussed the proposal at length and heard public comment. On the motion of Mr. Gash, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Commission voted to support the concept as outlined by Captain Beck, with Mr. Eisele, Mr. Miller, Mr. Gash, and Captain Beck voting affirmatively and Captain Cashin abstaining. Captain Beck will continue to develop the Request for Proposals and will circulate drafts to solicit additional comments.

Captain Cashin circulated "Ship Pilot Compliance Requirements" imposed by Magellan Terminals Holdings L.P. at its New Haven Terminal facility. The requirements deal with security issues, tug use, and the possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons at Magellan facilities. Captain Warner advised that the Joint Administrator has distributed Magellan's requirements to all pilots.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. The Commission did not meet in Executive Session. The Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14 at 8:00 a.m., to be held at the Bridgeport Port Authority, 330 Water Street, Bridgeport CT.

Michael J. Eisele
Chairman, Connecticut Pilot Commission