

**CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION (CTMC)  
REPORT OF MEETING (Mtg. #9)  
For  
November 17, 2005**

**Location of Meeting:** CT Department of Transportation  
2800 Berlin Turnpike Conf Rm. A  
Newington, Connecticut

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners**

***Present***

Carl Bard (for Commissioner Korta)  
Tom Dubno  
Judy Gott  
G.L. "Doc" Gunther  
Joseph P. Maco  
Ginne-Rae Gilmore (for Commissioner Abromaitis)  
Joseph Riccio  
David Shuda  
Martin Toyen  
Kaye Williams  
George Wisker (for Commissioner McCarthy)  
John Wronowski

***Absent***

Vincent Cashin  
Robert Genuario  
John Johnson

**Guests**

Chuck Beck	LCDR Alan Blume	Mike Eisele	Dave Head	Ed O'Donnell
John Pinto	Dave Rossiter	Bob Sammis	Joel Severance	Alan Stevens
John Valengavich	Jeff Zyjaki			

**I. Call to Order:**

- Chairman Toyen called the meeting to order 9:40. The Chair noted that there was a quorum (eight (8) needed).

**II. Review of Meeting Minutes:**

- During the process of reviewing and approving the minutes of the 20 October meeting, there was a lengthy discussion about the need to have a verbatim record of the Maritime Commission meetings. It was pointed out that there was no regulatory requirement for a verbatim record since the Commission was an advisory group. It was also pointed out that in addition to written notes being taken, the meetings were tape recorded. The agreed compromise was to keep the tapes on file for one year. The 20 Oct 2005 minutes were approved unanimously.

**III. Public Comments:**

- None offered

#### IV Old Business:

- Draft Maritime Policy statement - There was a lengthy discussion on the draft Maritime Policy document. Comments submitted by a member of the CONNDOT Bureau of Policy and Planning were used as a catalyst for the discussion. The comments were reviewed and weighed point by point. Of the four areas of concern, the Committee disagreed with three and agreed with one. There was additional discussion among the Commission members and from the public about the wording, intent and recommended changes particularly in the Dredging and Economic Development sections of the document. As a result of the discussion, several changes/additions were made. Once the discussion was completed, the amended document was read. Ms Gott moved that the Maritime Policy statement as amended be approved. Mr. Dubno provided a second and the motion carried unanimously. The next step is to draft a letter to the Governor and Legislature to forward the recommended Maritime Policy.
- Prioritized Items - Due to the lengthy discussion of the Maritime Policy statement, the Chair asked for a motion to defer discussion on the List of Prioritized Items to the December meeting. A motion, second and unanimous vote were obtained.

#### V New Business:

- Invited Guests:  
Connecticut Pilot Commission (CPC) – Mr. Mike Eisele, Chairman of the CPC, provided an overview of the mission and responsibilities of the CPC. His presentation was more a discussion than a presentation by design. Mr. Eisele explained the make-up of the CPC (7 members). He noted that the CPC was an advisory group vs a regulatory group. Key issues being handled by the CPC were discussed, particularly the following:

- 1) The NY -CT Joint Rotation
- 2) New England Shipping Co vs Block Island Pilots et. al. litigation
- 3) CONNDOT's moratorium on Issuance of New Pilot Licenses
- 4) Pilot Selection, Training and Apprenticeship
- 5) Pilot Fees
- 6) Pilot Boarding/Disembarkation areas
- 7) Broadwater LNG Project
- 8) Legislative Initiatives to "Empower" the CPC

A copy of the CPC 2004-2005 Annual Report was provided for additional background. Chairman Toyen tied the Maritime Policy previously discussed to the need for the CTMC to support the CPC. Mr. Eisele thanked the CTMC for its support and stated that the CPC will work with the CTMC on the Pilot fee structure.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) – The Chair introduced Mr. Ed O'Donnell, Chief, Navigation Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District. Mr. O'Donnell gave a brief overview of the dredging project process. He stated that the ACE is the source for millions of Federal dollars for dredging projects. Although maintenance dredging is 100% federally funded priorities need to be set due to a lack of overall funding. Projects are evaluated/ranked on an "economic value" basis. He also provided information on the projects in CT waters: 30 projects of which 13 are active. The manner in which the Federal government distributes funding for dredging projects has changed. Each ACE District use to receive a share of the overall annual finding. However, now each dredging project must compete with all other project across the nation. There was further discussion about specific projects in CT (Norwalk, Bridgeport, New Haven and others). Mr. O'Donnell was invited (and accepted) to make a more formal presentation on dredging planning issues to the CTMC at the December meeting. It was recommended from the floor that Norwalk be used as the example project.

- Coast Guard Issues – LCDR Blume provided a quick update on the status of the Broadwater Project process. The formal application is expected in the Dec 05-Jan 06 time frame. The

safety and security assessments have been initiated but cannot be completed until after the formal application has been submitted. LCDR Blume mentioned the allision between a barge involved in the dredging project and the Walk Bridge in Norwalk. LCDR Blume made note of the positive changes that have taken place of late relative to pilot issues.

- Dates for CTMC Calendar Year 2006 Meetings - The Chair proposed that the CTMC stick with holding its monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month. He also proposed that the meetings continue to be held at the CONNDOT Building in Newington. There was some discussion about holding some of the meetings in the Bridgeport area. A comment was made that the CTMC had to submit the meeting schedule to the Secretary of State's office by 30 November 2005 or each meeting would have to be a "special" meeting. A motion was made seconded and unanimously approved to hold the meetings on the third Thursday of each month during calendar year 2006.

**VI Date of Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for 0930 Thursday 15 December 2005. The meeting is scheduled to be held in Conference Room B on the 1st Floor of the CONNDOT Head Quarter's building at 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT

**VII. Adjournment:**

- A motion was made adjourn, seconded and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1205