

Connecticut Pilot Commission

**Minutes of July 14, 2005 Public Meeting
Connecticut Department of Transportation
State Pier, New London, CT**

MINUTES

The public meeting was called to Order at 8:20 a.m. Pilot Commission members Vernon C. Miller, Jr., Capt. Joseph Staneko, David Pohorylo, David Shuda, Joseph Russo, and William Gash were present. Also in attendance were Richard Jaworski, Alan Stevens, David Rossiter, all CT DOT; LCDR Alan Blume, USCG; Capt. Phil Gaughran, Connecticut Harbor Pilots; Capt. Charles Jonas, Interport Pilots Agency, Inc.; Capt. Vince Cashin and Capt. Bill Mulligan, Connecticut State Marine Pilots Association; Capt. Michael Ball, Block Island Pilots; Capt. Tom Walker, Long Island Sound Pilots and Capt. Ted Melancon, pilot. Ms Froydis Cameron and Ms Amy Kelley representing the Broadwater LNG group attended later in the meeting. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Eisele, Vice Chairman Miller served as Chair of the meeting and the meeting proceeded with the Agenda, a copy of which is attached hereto.

1. The Pilot Commission reviewed draft minutes of the June 9, 2005 public meeting. Upon the motion of Mr. Pohorylo, seconded by Mr. Gash, the minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Continuing Business:
 - A. Broadwater Energy presentation: Postponed pending arrival of Broadwater personnel (See below).
 - B. New England Shipping case: Mr. Miller reported that there have been no developments in the New England Shipping Company v. Block Island Pilots, et al. case. The Commission will continue to monitor the progress of this litigation. Mr. Pohorylo has recused himself from any participation in this matter.
 - C. Captain Charles Jonas v. Dept of Transportation: Mr. Miller reported that a Petition for Declaratory Ruling had recently been filed by the Petitioner and an Order Regarding Intervenors and Filings had been recently distributed to interested parties by the Director of Leasing who would be the hearing officer in this matter.
 - D. and E. Messrs Shuda and Pohorylo reported that they had met with a number of the CT Pilots regarding the Commission's review of the performance of the Joint Administrator of the Joint Rotation System and the establishment of a single Connecticut Pilot Association to enable consolidation of pilot boats and operations. They reported that

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much work needs to be done with all interested parties in order to bring them to consensus.

- F. Joint Rotation issues: Mr. Miller was presented with a copy of a letter addressed to the Commission by Capt. Michael Ball reporting an alleged violation by Capt. Walker of the specified Pilot Boarding areas in Long Island Sound. Capt Ball advised that a copy had previously been forwarded to the NY Board of Pilot Commissioners. Mr. Miller said that the matter would be taken under advisement by the Commission.
 - G. Status of NOAA PORTS funding: It was reported that CT is in the process of paying for this vital function.
 - H. Continuing discussions regarding pilotage rates: This matter is tightly bound to items D & E.
 - I. Continued discussions regarding federal, NY and CT standards for marine incident/accident reporting: Mr. Miller reported that he will compare these requirements with the Connecticut standards and advise the Commission if he believes that any recommendation to the DOT is warranted.
3. New Business: N/A.
4. CT DOT comments: Mr. Rossiter addressed the Commission regarding the following matters:
- A. There is a new mileage reimbursement system in the works for attendance at Commission meetings and details will be advised shortly.
 - B. Dredging at Allen Point for the Dow Chemical Terminal is uncertain because of the inability to find adequate material with which to cap the dredged material. Dow will seek to use the central Long Island Sound disposal area, but the question is who will pay for that. Mr. Gash pointed out that if the dredged material is contaminated, the central LIS site would not be a good alternative. He suggested that Mr. Rossiter have Dow contact Bridgeport which has additional cap material available.
 - C. Dredging at Bridgeport is in the works, but the timeframe looks to be about 4 years.
5. USCG comments: Lt. Cdr. Blume addressed the Commission regarding the following matters:
- A. The PARS study has been published and is available for comment.

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- B. The Port and Waterway Safety Assessment (PAWSA) has been finalized and will be sent out or put on the Web shortly.
 - C. Broadwater LNG Project – The Safety and Security Assessment is in the works. The FERC will hold public meetings in mid-Sept in CT and NY at a time and place to be announced. Lt. Cdr. Blume expects the completed Application to be submitted to FERC by mid-November. USCG will provide the Assessment after the Application is submitted. This will all be part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) due in 4 to 6 month after the Application.
 - D. MARSEC – As a result of the London bombings, the MARSEC level has been raised to 2 for the first time since 7/1/04, with special attention being given to Ferries. Capt. Cashin raised the issue of the use of a code word to be used in the event of a security incident. He reported that the USCG, the Pilots and the Ferries are aware of the code word and are listening for it. He also reported that the Pilots and the USCG are discussing the use of an EPRB in the event of a security incident and the possibility of using AIS for Ferries (which are not presently required to have it).
1. A. The Broadwater LNG Project. Ms Amy Kelley and Ms Froydis Cameron arrived to speak to the Commission about the Project. They presented a pamphlet entitled “Broadwater Project Summary” and spoke knowledgeably about it, answering every question presented. Capt. David Thompson who has the information most pertinent to the Pilots was unable to attend until the September Commission meeting.

The public meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The Commission’s next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 8:00 a.m., to be held at the USCG Station, New Haven.

Respectfully submitted,
Vernon C. Miller, Jr.
Vice Chairman, Connecticut Pilot Commission