



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONNECTICUT PILOT COMMISSION



Minutes of March 8, 2007 Public Meeting
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington CT

The public meeting was called to Order at 8:25 a.m. Pilot Commission members Michael J. Eisele, Captain Vince Cashin, and William Gash were present. Member Vernon C. Miller participated by telephone. The Commission did not have a quorum and the meeting was conducted for information purposes only.

Mr. Eisele distributed minutes of the New York Board for the months of January and February.

The minutes of the Commission's February 8, 2007 public meeting were distributed for review by the Pilot Commission and public. Approval of the minutes was deferred due to the absence of a quorum.

Mr. Jaworski advised the Commission that its public notice regarding pilotage rates was still under review by OPM and the Governor's office. Following publication of the Public Notice and a thirty day comment period, DOT will make a final determination as to pilotage rates.

Mr. Jaworski reported that the draft Request for Proposals with respect to the management and operation of the Joint Rotation is still under review at DOT and will be released as soon as possible.

The Commission reviewed language proposed by the subcommittee of Captain Beck, Captain Cashin, and Captain Barry to establish a heavy weather boarding station inside Block Island Sound for use by vessels transiting Montauk Channel. The subcommittee will continue work on the proposal, with the intention of making a recommendation for consideration by the whole Commission. This issue will be continued on the agenda.

ENS Stephanie Pitts, U.S.C.G. reported that the Coast Guard is engaged in a waterways and buoyage analysis, starting with New Haven, to be followed by Bridgeport and the Connecticut River. ENS Pitts invited pilot input and distributed survey forms to the pilots in attendance. ENS Pitts further reported that the Coast Guard is awaiting FERC's completion of the Broadwater EIS and that the proposed regulations to establish a federal anchorage at New Haven are still under review.

Mr. Pernerewski briefed the Commission on the state's public meeting and FOIA laws, including notice requirements, the definition of a "public meeting," and restrictions pertaining to executive sessions.

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The public meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. The Commission did not meet in Executive Session. The Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12 at the Bridgeport Port Authority, 330 Water Street, Bridgeport, CT.

Michael J. Eisele
Chairman, Connecticut Pilot Commission