

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
PORT AUTHORITY WORKING GROUP  
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 10:30 PM – 12:00 PM  
Connecticut Department of Transportation  
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT**

**Attendance:** Commissioner James Redeker (Chair), Commissioner Catherine Smith (Chair), Andrew Anastasio, Tom Dubno, Pamela Elkow, Garrett Eucalitto, William Gash, Stan Mickus, Dave Pohorylo, Joseph Riccio, Jr., Robert Ross, Sarah Sanders, Thomas Santa, Geoffrey Steadman, Brian Thompson, Parker Wise

**Guests:** Charles Beck, Captain Edward Cubanski, Donald Frost, Ned Farman, Zach Hyde, Karla Lindquist, John Paul Mereen, Brian O'Connor, John Pinto, Ray Redniss, Joe Salvatore, Tim Sullivan

Meeting commenced at 10:32 AM.

- 1.) Welcome by Commissioner Redeker and Commissioner Smith
- 2.) Introductions
- 3.) Discussion of importance of smaller and mid-size harbors organized by Geoffrey Steadman, Connecticut Harbor Management Association
  - a. Comments from John Pinto, Norwalk Harbor Management Commission
  - b. Comments from John Paul Mereen, Norwich Harbor Management Commission
  - c. Comments from Ned Farman, Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission
  - d. Comments from Ray Redniss, Stamford Harbor Management Commission
  - e. Written statements from Mr. Pinto, Mr. Mereen, Mr. Farman and Mr. Redniss, as well as a statement regarding Stratford, will be submitted for the record by Mr. Steadman
  - f. Summary recommendations:
    - i. Small and mid-size harbors play important roles in Connecticut's commercial (cargo, shellfish, etc) and recreational waterfront economy
    - ii. These harbors have benefited from the investment and focus of the Malloy Administration, led by the DOT Maritime Division
    - iii. The Connecticut Port Authority should continue and expand existing programs while also focusing on commercial development opportunities at the deepwater ports
    - iv. Sub-committee including Geoffrey Steadman, DEEP, DOT and DECD to make recommendation regarding future oversight of Harbor Masters
- 4.) Discussion of initial draft of report to the Governor and Assembly, Tim Sullivan
  - a. Draft is missing important pieces which will be added
  - b. Include guidance on qualifications for Port Authority Executive Director
  - c. Need to address relationship between/interaction of Connecticut Port Authority with existing municipal Port Authorities
  - d. Include glossary section for clarity
  - e. Report should further mention job creation and more robust economic impact potential

- f. Remove Advisory Board recommendation
  - g. Working Group will receive a new draft prior to the February meeting
  - h. A draft letter of support from the Working Group will be included for the group's consideration and comment
  - i. Recommendation from Bob Ross to recommend that the Port Authority Working Group hire Interim Executive Director
- 5.) Discussion from invited guests
- a. Brian O'Connor, Office of Speaker Brendan Sharkey, commended the Working Group for its efforts to date to make recommendations to ensure the success of the Connecticut Port Authority. Mr. O'Connor stated that the Assembly looks forward to receiving the report mandated by the Port Authority legislation.
  - b. Captain Edward Cubanski, Coast Guard Sector Commander for Long Island Sound, encouraged the group to consider specific definitions and metrics, particularly related to job creation, to target and prioritize investments going forward
- 6.) Discussion of future meetings
- a. Intention is to schedule a regular recurring meeting once per month

Meeting adjourned at 12:09 PM.

**Next meeting: To be scheduled for February 2015**