

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, November 5, 2019
Held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250
Providence, RI 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay, Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair Dean Hoxsie, RIDEM, Chief of DLE, Member Frank Floor, RIDEM, Chief, Parks and Rec., Member	Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NEMP Sean Bogus, President, NEMP Atty. Hoefsmit, RIDEM, Commission's Legal Counsel JoAnne Scorpio, RIDEM, Commission Secretary Chris Waterson, ProvPort

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission convened at the regularly scheduled time at 9:30am on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at the headquarters of the RIDEM, Division of Law Enforcement. A quorum was present; the Commissioners reviewed the October 3, 2019 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Fritz **MOVED** to accept the minutes. Commissioner Hoxsie **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS, 4-0 to approve.**

II. OLD BUSINESS

1) Commission Meeting Schedule:

Chair McVay advised he emailed the Commission scheduled meeting dates for Jan-Dec 2020. Commissioners reviewed and approved the schedule. The 2020 meeting schedule will be posted on the Secretary of State website.

2) Training Advisory Panel:

Vice Chair Fritz advised that the Training Panel is in the process of finding a candidate to fill Capt. Mara's seat.

3) Letter to Capt. John O'Keeffe:

Commissioners agreed to mail letter of reply from Chair McVay to Capt. John O'keeffe, Head of Marine Affairs, Orsted US Offshore Wind regarding their concerns with state pilots piloting survey vessel in Narragansett Bay. Commissioner Hoxsie made a **MOTION** approving the letter. Vice Chair Fritz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS, 4-0 in favor.**

4) Impacts of Piloting Survey Vessel:

Commissioners, Pilots, and Atty. Hoefsmit discussed concerns involving Capt. John O'Keeffe's letter (Orsted US Offshore Wind) notifying commission/pilots of survey work to be performed in Narragansett Bay. After discussions, commissioners agreed to draft regulations authorizing standards for survey vessels. Commissioner Hoxsie made a **MOTION** to approve the drafting of Regulations that will set forth requirements for a

State Licensed Pilot employed to pilot a survey vessel used specifically for the purpose of surveying operations in state waters. Purposed regulations will also include, but not be limited to: 1) hours of operation 2) the Commission’s authority to grant emergency licensing, 3) standards for a vessel’s obligation for timely notification, and 4) special piloting rates. Vice Chair Frtiz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 to approve.

5) **Probationary Pilot License Status:**

Chair McVay reiterated that Capt. Harper’s probationary license expires December 2019 and that the Commission will extend his probationary license at the December meeting. He also advised that Capt. Harper has completed 32 more trips since his last upgrade and is petitioning the Commission to move up to 32-foot draft (Step 4). The Commission agreed to Vote on Capt. Harper’s upgrade. Vice Chair Fritz made a **MOTION** to advance Capt. Harper from 30 ft. to 32-ft. draft. Commissioner Floor **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**. 4-0 in favor.

6) **Use of DP in RI Anchorages:**

The Chair said he emailed the commission draft DP policy for review. The commission discussed the Chair’s proposal and made two revisions. Chair McVay will retype the policy and said he would like to put it out for public comment.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1) **Pilot Accident Investigations:**

Commissioner Hoxsie advised that he has a meeting scheduled for Nov 26, 2019 regarding “pilot accident investigations”. Commissioner Hoxsie, Atty. Hoefsmit, and Chair McVay will attend to discuss EPO’s obtaining data from a vessel involved in an incident/accident while a state pilot is piloting the involved vessel.

2) **Pilot Training:**

The Chair said the Commissioners will adopt a training matrix at the next meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m. Vice Chair Fritz made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Member Hoxsie **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**. 4-0 to adjourn.

Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2020	
Th, Jan. 2	Th, Jul 2
Th, Feb 14	Th, Aug 6
Th, Mar 5	Th, Sep 3
Th, Apr 2	Th, Oct 1
Th, May 7	Th, Nov 5
Th, Jun 4	Th, Dec 3

*Meeting dates are subject change to change.

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