



## RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908

### **PROPOSED MEETING MINUTES**

### **RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING**

held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 9:30am  
through ZOOM Videoconferencing

#### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Capt. E. Howard McVay, Chair  
Capt. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair  
Dean Hoxsie, RIDEM, Chief, Div. of Law Enf., Member  
Jason McNamee, RIDEM, Dep. Director, Member

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chris Murray, Ex. Director, NEMP Assn.  
Atty. Christina Hoefsmitt, Legal Counsel to RISPC

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission took place through Zoom videoconferencing on Thursday, April 1, 2021. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. After a roll call was taken, Chair McVay confirmed that a quorum was present.

### **II. March 4, 2021 MEETING MINUTES VOTE:**

Commissioners reviewed the draft March 4, 2021, meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Chair McVay then entertained a **MOTION** to approve the draft minutes as written. Commissioner Hoxsie **MOVED** to accept the March 4, 2021 minutes. Vice Chair Fritz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, *4-0 to approve*.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Communications:**

Chair McVay stated that no communications had been received by the Commission for this meeting, nor had any been sent by the Commission.

#### **2. New Pilot Licenses:**

New licenses have been created. There will no longer be a book with copies of the licenses, but a ledger will be created to maintain a record of the licenses issued, with a copy of the license.

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### **3. Global Symphony Updates:**

Ex. Director Murray (NEMP) noted that the vessel had completed its survey work and would be departing for Bermuda by the following day. Director Murray stated that while the survey was a drain on resources, things went well and all requirements placed on the vessel by the Commission were honored.

Vice Chair Fritz noted that Orsted owed a final report to the Commission on interactions with fishing gear.

### **4. Updates from the Northeast Marine Pilots Assn:**

Ex. Director Chris Murray advised that most of the pilots had received their vaccines as of the meeting.

### **5. Apprentice Pilots:**

Chair McVay noted that the new BI Sound probationary licensees that were approved by the Commission previously can apply to be Narragansett Bay pilots once they hold their BI probationary licenses for one year. The licensees are currently training so would likely be applying in the near future.

## **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Regulations:**

Chair McVay noted that a regulation change was still planned to remove the ability for a pilot to not have a PPU when moving a vessel in port. Exemptions for cruise ships would remain.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, The Chair entertained a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hoxsie **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:05 a.m. Vice chair Fritz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**. *4-0 to adjourn.*

### **\*Remainder of 2021 Meeting Schedule:**

Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule for <b>2021</b>	
	July 1
	August 5
	September 2
	October 7
	November 4
June 3	December 2

\*Meeting dates are subject to change.

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