

APPROVED MINUTES
RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, September 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 Atty. Hoefsmit, RIDEM, Commission's Legal Counsel JoAnne Scorpio, RIDEM, Commission Secretary Clint Walker, President, NEMP Tom Bushy, Dep. Chair, Mass. Pilotage Comm., Dist. 3 Matt Stevens, Apprentice Pilot, NEMP

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, September 5, 2019 at the headquarters of the RIDEM, Division of Law Enforcement. A quorum was present; the Commissioners reviewed the July 11, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Hoxsie **MOVED** to accept the minutes. Vice Chair Fritz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 to approve.

The Chair reminded the commissioners that the June 6, 2019 minutes were reviewed at the July meeting, however; voting (to approve the minutes) was postponed and scheduled to take place at the September meeting. He then entertained a **MOTION** to approve the June 6, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hoxsie made a **MOTION** to accept the June meeting minutes; Commissioner Floor **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 to approve.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **Commission Meeting Schedule:**
No changes to the annual schedule.

- 2) **RADAR Certification update:** Commissioners discussed how the Pilots will inform the Commission of their compliance with federal guidelines for RADAR certification. The Chair advised that perhaps the pilots can send a copy to the commission documents they're going to send to the USCG that demonstrates they are in compliance with federal guidelines. Atty. Hoefsmit questioned if there would be a response (from USCG). Chair McVay responded saying that the pilots renewed MMD would probably be their response. McVay also stated that the USCG is going to request a letter from the Executive Director and President of NEMP. He then stated that a copy of that letter (sent to the commission) would substantiate that the Pilot is in compliance with federal guidelines for obtaining RADAR certification. Chair McVay entertained a motion to approved that the commission be sent a copy of the letter sent from the NEMP to USCG

demonstrating the pilot's is in compliance with federal guidelines. Commissioner Hoxsie made a **MOTION** to approve. Commissioner Floor **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS. 4-0 in favor.**

- 3) **Introduction of Mass. Pilotage Commission Deputy Chair:** Capt. Thomas Bushy of the Massachusetts Pilot Commission , District 3 talked about his experiences dealing with nepotism and how it is defined in his district. Capt. Bushy indicated that as long as (i.e.) two brothers are "riding" together and the ride is not being evaluated, it doesn't pose any risk. Chair McVay stated that after talking with other pilot associations, he found each had varied standards. He said he wanted the commission's policy to follow the state's guidelines. Commissioners, Counsel, and Pilots then discussed how to avoid nepotism with an apprentice pilot during the evaluation process and the current roster well understaffed.
- 4) **Capt. Harper Probationary License Status:** Commissioners reviewed Capt. Harper's trips sheets. Chair McVay advised that Capt. Harper was moved up to Davisville in June (2019) and currently has 32 transits that includes Narragansett Bay and Davisville. He is requesting to be moved to 60,000 gt with a restriction of 30-foot and unlimited draft for vessels 35,000 gt or less. Vice Chair made a **MOTION** to approve Capt. Harper's upgrade. Commissioner Floor **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS. 4-0 in favor.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.

*Remaining Scheduled Dates:		Th, Oct. 3
		Th, Nov. 7
		Th, Dec. 5

*Meeting dates are subject to change