



RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 9:30am
Held through ZOOM Videoconferencing

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NEMP Assoc.
Clint Walker, NE Marine Pilots, RI State Pilot Board
Chris Murray, NE Marine Pilots
Ed LeBlanc, Marine Affairs Mgr., Orsted
Atty. LoBianco, RIDEM, Legal Counsel
Atty. Christina Hoefsmit, Legal Counsel
JoAnne Scorpio, RIDEM, Commission Secretary
Paul Costabile, Ex. Director NE Marine Pilots
Rick Comeau, Director, US Maritime Resource Ctr.
Attendee (1)

I. CALL TO ORDER / RECESS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission conducted through Zoom videoconferencing was called to order at approximately 9:45am on Thursday, October 1, 2020. After a roll call was taken, the Chair confirmed that a quorum was present and the Commission would recess for the Annual Public Hearing. He then entertained that a **MOTION** be made to break for the public hearing. Vice Chair **MOVED** for the Commission to break at this time for the "Annual Public Hearing" and then return to the scheduled October meeting once the public hearing concludes. Commissioner McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 to approve.

II. SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the scheduled monthly meeting resumed at approximately 10:00am. Commissioners then reviewed the Sept 3, 2020 draft meeting minutes. The Chair entertained a vote to approve the draft meeting minutes. Commissioner Hoxsie **MOVED** to approve the chair's motion. Vice Chair Fritz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 to approve.

E. Howard McVay, Chair
J. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair
Jason McNamee, Member
Dean Hoxsie, Member

III. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **Capt. Harper Probationary License Status:** The Chair advised that Capt. Harper has completed one of the two mandatory high-wind trips.
- 2) **Meeting Schedule:** The next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at approximately 9:30am via Zoom.
- 3) **Review of draft “Emergency License” Requirements:** The Chair stated that he sent out a draft (09/25/20) of the West Passage “Emergency License” Requirements for the Commission’s review. Commissioners and attendees discussed the draft, Ed LeBlanc (Orsted) commented that in addition to cable-laying and surveying vessels as defined in the draft, the license should include “maintenance” ships as well. Discussions continued. Commissioners agreed with Mr. LeBlanc’s recommendation. The Chair then entertained a **MOTION** to approve the revision as discussed. Vice Chair Fritz **MOVED** to amend the emergency license requirements to include “maintenance vessels” in addition to cable-laying and surveying vessels. Commissioner McNamee **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS. 4-0 in favor.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Pilot Licenses Reprint:** Chair McVay advised that the current (paper) licenses that will be issued to probationary and full-branch pilots are entitled “*State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*”. Commissioners discussed complying with the Governor’s executive order to drop the phrase “Providence Plantations” from the state’s title on new licenses. The Chair entertained that a **MOTION** be made to update the licenses. Member Jason McNamee **MOVED** to reprint the licenses and drop “Providence Plantations from the state’s title. Vice Chair Fritz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS, 4-0 in favor.**
- 2) **Email from Mark Elvin:** The Chair stated that Pilot Board Member Clint Walker forwarded an email to the Commissioners that he received from Sr. Project Mgr. Mark Elvin asking for a pilot exemption. Capt. Walker advised the proposed route the vessel will be taking to lay cable in 2021 is between Block Island Sound and Montauk. The Chair explained that under the memorandum of agreement (MOA) between NY and CT, the proposed route does not come into RI piloted waters and is the jurisdiction of CT and NY. The Chair said he would advised Mark Elvin to contact NY Board of Commissioners of the proposed route.

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Remainder of 2020 Meeting Schedule:

Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2020	
	Th, Nov 5
	Th, Dec 3

*Meeting dates are subject change.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, The Chair **MOTIONED** to adjourn. Vice Chair Fritz **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m. Member Dean Hoxsie **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**. 4-0 to adjourn.

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E. Howard McVay, Chair
J. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair
Jason McNamee, Member
Dean Hoxsie, Member