



RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 9:30am
Held through ZOOM Videoconferencing

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NEMP Assoc.
Clint Walker, NE Marine Pilots, RI State Pilot Board
Chris Murray, NE Marine Pilots
Sean Bogus, NE Marine Pilots, RI State Pilot Board
Atty. Christina Hoefsmit, Commission's Legal Counsel
JoAnne Scorpio, RIDEM, Commission Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission took place through Zoom videoconferencing and was called to order at approximately 9:30am on Thursday, December 3, 2020. After a roll call was taken, the Chair confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. NOVEMBER 5, 2020 MEETING MINUTES VOTE

Commissioners reviewed the November 5, 2020 draft meeting minutes. Chair McVay then entertained a motion to approve the draft minutes. Member Dean Hoxsie **MOVED** to accept the November 5, 2020 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Fitz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 to approve.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1) Communications:

- A. **MSIB** - Chair McVay advise that he sent the NEMP pilots an article from the MSIB (Marine Safety Information Bulletin) regarding recommendations for pilot transfer for their comments. The Chair went on to say that in light of heightened awareness and the recent fatalities involving two pilots, he would like the pilots to look at the statutes for their input on whether changes need to be made to improve safety standards during pilot transfer.
- B. **Pilot Exemption, Orsted** – The Chair advised that Orsted completed their survey work and did not need the extended area that they requested earlier. He added that a state pilot was not necessary for the aforementioned completed survey work.

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- 2) **Pilot Accident Protocol**: Member Dean Hoxsie stated that he has a “draft” of the instructions/protocol that the DEM officers will follow to obtain data (black box) in the event of an incident while a state pilot is onboard the vessel involved.
- 3) **Viking Odessa**: Chair McVay advised that Capt. Harper contacted him about an incident that occurred in Narragansett Bay on 11/23/20. He stated that according to Captain Harper’s account of what happened, the vessel, Viking Odessa, was outbound from Davisville headed towards Gould Island. The Chair explained that the Captain of the vessel informed Capt. Harper that they were having problems with one of the engines and wanted to disengage that engine and continue running on the other. Technically there was no loss of propulsion, however; the Chair advised Capt. Harper to fill out an incident report so it will be on file with the Commission.
- 4) **Meeting Schedule**: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the annual 2021 schedule. Commissioner Hoxsie Made the **MOTION** to approve the annual schedule. Vice Chair Fritz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, *4-0 in favor*.

The next monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at approximately 9:30am via Zoom.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Orsted Proposal for Pilot Exemption**: The Chair advised the Orsted’s Project Mgr., Ed LeBlanc has requested another pilot exemption. The work to be performed is to rebury the cable into the Block Island shore line. Ed LeBlanc asked that the vessel perform the work without a pilot on board. The projected work dates will be sometime in January or February. Chair McVay said this will be on next month’s agenda.
- 2) **Apprentice Pilot Interviews**: Commissioners discussed how the interviews will be conducted in upcoming weeks while observing Covid19 guidelines. They agreed that the interviews will be scheduled and conducted at the January meeting; and once the top candidates are selected (at the February 4th meeting), those recommendations will be referred to the State Pilot Board to begin the Apprenticeship program.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, The Chair entertained that a **MOTION** be made to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Fritz **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m. Member Dean Hoxsie **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**. 4-0 to adjourn.

***Remainder of 2021 Meeting Schedule:**

| Regular Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2021 | |
|---|-------------|
| | July 1 |
| February 4 | August 5 |
| March 4 | September 2 |
| April 1 | October 7 |
| May 6 | November 4 |
| June 3 | December 2 |

*Meeting dates are subject change.

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