

RI Pilotage Commission (1/6/06)

Minutes of the public hearing held on January 6, 2005 at 10 AM at Conference Room 300 DEM Headquarters 235 Promenade Street, Providence Rhode Island.

Commission members present were:

Michael Scanlon Chairman

Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr.

Captain Peter Fritz

**And assigned legal counsel Gerald McAvoy Esq. Chief Legal Counsel
DEM**

The meeting was held under the laws rules and regulations as promulgate under RIGL.

A copy of the Chairs opening statement was read into the record and attached to the official record. The meeting was recorded and a copy of the recording of the minutes is available.

Testimony on the need for additional licensed pilots for RI State Waters was received.

A report from the State Pilot Training Board was read into the record and is attached to the oral record.

Testimony on changing the pilotage rate by lowering it for cruise ships calling on Newport because of the relatively short transit was taken.

A request for a rate increase for the pilotage rate for the rest of Narragansett Bay and tributaries thereof was heard. The request is for a total of 10% over 3 years with rates starting in 2005 4% year two 3% and year three 3%.

In addition a request to raise the carry away fee charged when a ship takes the pilot to the next port of call for discharge due to ship's necessity from \$500 to \$1000 per day.

A request to have regulations promulgated to hold or "arrest" a ship if a pilot is injured on board to insure adequate liability was tabled after discussion.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM. At this time the commission interviewed Captain Clint Walker for entry into the Narragansett Bay Pilot apprentice program. His application was forwarded to the pilot training board.

The next Meeting will be held on February 3rd 235 Promenade Street Providence RI Conference Room C.

Submitted by Michael J. Scanlon, Chairman