

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission  
Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908**

**Proposed Minutes of the Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission  
Meeting**

**235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI**

**Held on February 8, 2007**

**Members in attendance:**

**Michael Scanlon, Chair**

**Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member**

**Larry Mouradjian, Member**

**Member(s) excused from attendance:**

**Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr., Member**

**Others in attendance:**

**Gary Powers, Legal Counsel to the Commission**

**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**

**Quorum being present, the Chair called the Meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The Minutes of the January 4, 2007 meeting were approved by assent.**

**Under old business:**

**1. Captain Thomas Walker of the Long Island Sound Pilots has had his pilot vessel, Olympic, inspected by J. Wilson Marine Co. The vessel has been found compliant with the requirements set forth in the Rhode Island Pilot Commission Rules and Regulations. Therefore, a motion was made and approved to allow Captain Walker to continue to operate his boat from Jerusalem as long as he continues to meet the state requirements.**

**2. Chairman Scanlon reported that the Coast Guard is requiring the M/V Gdansk and M/V Gdnyia to meet certain parameters before they can navigate up to Fall River. One requirement is an escort vessel to be the eyes on the side of the ship with the visibility problem. They are also required to have an escort tug up to Fall River and on the way back an escort tug to Sandy Point.**

#### **New Business:**

**1. Annual physical exams were reviewed and accepted. The Annual Medical Certificate will be sent out to each pilot.**

**2. Commissioner Fritz reported on another pilot's death as he was ascending a ladder to pilot a vessel. This is the fourth pilot to die this year and though we do not know the cause it is a strenuous activity to go up the ladder and maybe we should look into a more stringent physical exam.**

**3. Chairman Scanlon attended a meeting regarding the dredging of**

**the federal channel. Due to the make-up of the rock the dredging company will need to do some blasting. Therefore, they are researching how to go about doing the blasting and the financing of the blasting.**

**4. The annual public hearing of the pilotage commission will be held sometime in April.**

**A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am.**

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

**The Commission plans to hold its next regularly scheduled meeting in the Conference Room of the Division of Law Enforcement at DEM Headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI on March 1, 2007 starting at 9:30 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**