

**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 June 7, 2007**

**Members in attendance:**

**Michael Scanlon, Chair**

**Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member**

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

**Larry Mouradjian, Member**

**Others in attendance:**

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

**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**

**H.M. Nelson, President of Goff & Page Co.**

**Captain Vincent Kirby**

**Captain Clinton Walker**

**Quorum being present, the Chair called the Meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The Minutes of the May 3, 2007 meeting were approved by assent.**

**Old business:**

- 1. Captain Richard Astles was granted a full probationary license.**
- 2. The Annual Report is due by September 30th. The following should be included in the report:**
  - a. excerpts of the law**
  - b. creation of the commission**
  - c. duties of the commission**
  - d. history of Rhode Island pilots**
  - e. new regulations**
  - f. Mantenha investigation**
  - g. Biography on commissioners**
  - h. list of apprentice pilots**
  - i. list of active pilots**
  - j. pictures of pilot boats**
  - k. financial section**
  - l. number of ships handled by the pilots**

**3. Chairman Scanlon reported that Captain Warner has successfully completed the Pilot Bridge Resource Management Course required by the Commission in the decision of the grounding of the M/V Mantenha.**

**New business:**

- 1. The Commission accepted Captain Vince Kirby's request for full branch license.**
- 2. Captain Clint Walker voiced a concern in regards to the wording on pilot licenses; that it may not reflect correctly what the license applies**

to. This may cause a problem when obtaining insurance. Should there be an accident an insurance company might deny a claim based on the wordage of the license.

3. To ensure that the wording on the licenses meet certain standards the Commission is recommending the following changes to the licenses:

a. Full Branch Class State Pilot: East Passage Narragansett Bay from Brenton Reef to the Providence River including the Port of Providence, Quonset/Davisville channels. Block Island Sound Approaches, Mount Hope Bay to the Rhode Island/Massachusetts boundary.

b. For the State Pilot License, Commissioner McVay recommended a Probationary and Full Branch

4. Commissioner McVay up-dated the Commission on the Montauk Pilot Station. The Connecticut Pilot Commission is recommending to the Connecticut DOT that the Montauk Pilot Station have an alternative pilot station 10 miles inside Block Island Sound. The Northeast Marine Pilots is on record opposing this proposal. The New York Board of Commissioners of Pilots is also opposed and is requesting a letter from the Rhode Island Pilotage Commission regarding the Commission's position.

a. Commissioner McVay will draft a letter and e-mail to the draft to the Commissioner's for their input.

A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 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 September 13, 2007 starting at 9:30 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**