

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

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

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI

Held on March 20, 2008

Members in attendance:

Michael Scanlon, Chair

Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member

Captain E. Howard McVay, 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.

Tom Sullivan-Moran Shipping

Captain Sean Bogus

Quorum being present, the Chair called the Meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The Minutes of the February 14, 2008 were approved by assent.

Old business:

1. Apprentice pilot up-date

a. Commissioner McVay introduced to the Commission Captain Sean Bogus

i. Captain Bogus presented to the Commission his resume.

2. Chairman Scanlon has reviewed and made changes to the draft of the letter to

Safesea. Attorney Powers will review and make recommendations.

3. The agenda for the May 8th public hearing is as follows:

a. Receive public comments concerning the State's pilot program

b. Receive public comments in regard to any new regulations

c. Receive public comments on the current and projected need for pilots licensed by the Commission

d. Receive public comments concerning the possible amendment of the Commission's pilot rate structures and/or formula

e. Receive public comments concerning the possible amendment of the Commission's regulations governing the evaluation of pilot applicants maritime/academic experience.

New Business:

1. Tugboat training

a. Chairman Scanlon brought to the attention of the Commission the

Coast Guard's proposed amendment reducing the training of master of tugboats to thirty days.

i. This should not affect the State Pilotage Commission as Rhode Island law requires pilots

2. The Connecticut Pilot Commission is recommending a heavy weather pilot station

be designated in Block Island Sound.

a. Commissioner McVay will correspond with the New York Pilot Board with their opinion of the heavy weather pilot station.

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 April 3, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary