

**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 April 3, 2008

Members in attendance:

Michael Scanlon, Chair

Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member

Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr., Member

Larry Mouradjian, Member

Others in attendance:

Virginia MacCoy-Recording Secretary

Tom Sullivan-Moran Shipping

Quorum being present, the Chair called the Meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The Minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting were approved by assent.

Old Business:

1. The Commission approved a letter to Safesea; it will be sent out immediately.

2. Regarding the physical requirements for pilots, it was recommended that the Commission wait for the Coast Guard to come out with up-dated requirements.

3. The New York Board of Commissioners of Pilots forwarded their opinion regarding Connecticut's plan on a heavy weather pilot station.

a. New York opinion is that the existing pilot station is adequate.

b. A motion was made and approved that Chairman Scanlon draft a letter to the New York Pilot Commission advising of the Rhode Island Pilotage Commission's position on this matter. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. The public hearing is scheduled for May 8th at 10:00 am. The monthly meeting of the pilotage commission will be held prior to the public hearing at 9:30 am.

a. After discussion regarding the up-dated Apprentice Pilot Evaluation Form the Commission agreed to have copies of the present form and the drafted revised form available for the public hearing.

5. Chairman Scanlon informed the Commission of his response to the Newport Regatta request to change the shipping passage in the bay to allow sailing regattas. The Chairman's letter stated there are navigational issues and it was not in the best interest to change the shipping passage.

New business:

1. Commissioner Mouradjian asked whether it would be appropriate for the Commission to respond to Senate bill # 2805 introduced by Senator Paul Moura in which a tax of \$ 10.00 per ton would be levied to vessels arriving at the town of Jamestown anchorage to unload.

a. It is the Commission's opinion that this could cause an environmental impact, as it would force tankers to lighter outside of Narragansett Bay, which would increase the chance of an oil spill.

b. Commissioner McVey wrote to Senator Moura regarding these issues and received a response back stating that after extensive review the Senator was withdrawing the bill # 2805.

2. The Commission noted the passing of Full State Pilot Captain John A. Lasnier.

A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 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 May 8, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary