

**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 May 8, 2008

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

Tom Sullivan-Moran Shipping

H.M. Nelson-Goff & Page Co.

Evan Matthews-Quonset Development Corp.

Quorum being present, the Chair called the Meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The Minutes of the April 3, 2008 meeting were approved by assent.

Old Business:

- 1. Chairman Scanlon presented to the Commission a copy of a letter he sent to Captain Charles Beck, Transportation Maritime Manager, and Connecticut Department of Transportation stating the Commissions' opposition to the re-location of a "heavy weather" pilot embarkation/debarkation station in the area of off of Block Island, RI in Block Island Sound.**
- 2. Department of Homeland Security has announced the compliance date for the TWIC card to go into affect as 4/15/2009 except for New England, which will need to comply by 10/15/2008. All pilots will be required to obtain a TWIC card.**
- 3. There has been no response from Safesea regarding the letter sent in April.**
- 4. Commissioner McVay stated that Captain Bruce Lemke would be out of work between 2 to 5 months.**

Apprentice Up Date

- 5. Alex Soukanou holds a federal license to Narragansett Bay, Providence, Fall River and working on Davisville. By next month he should have his Davisville trips done and could start apprenticing for Narragansett Bay and be a probationary pilot by beginning of next year.**
- 6. Sean Bogus has finished his federal trips for Buzzard's Bay.**
- 7. Chairman Scanlon reported that Rhode Island Boating Safety opposes a change in the shipping passage to Davisville. The Coast**

Guard is looking into a designated alternate channel.

8. Commissioner Fritz made a motion and was seconded that the Commission grant a pilotage increase of 5% per year and restructure the cruise rate to 10%.

a. Commissioner McVay recused himself from the discussion

b. Hank Nelson and Tom Sullivan expressed concern regarding an increase in the rate structure.

c. Commissioner Mouradjian stated there is justification for cost however there is concern of the potential impact a rate increase would be on the industry.

d. Commissioner Mouradjian made a motion that the Commission table the motion for a rate increase until next month's meeting. Commissioner Fritz seconded the motion.

e. Evan Matthews commented that QDC shares the agents concern what affect a rate increase would be regarding the competitiveness with other ports.

f. The agents will present a proposal at the next meeting.

1. A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 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 June 5, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary