

**Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission  
235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908**

**Proposed minutes of the RI State Pilotage Commission Meeting  
Held at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island  
on May 6, 2010**

**Members in attendance:**

**Michael Scanlon, Chair**

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

**Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member**

**Larry Mouradjian, Member**

**Others in attendance: Gary Powers, Esq.; Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary; Capt. Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NMP**

**Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The minutes of the March 4 and April 8, 2010 meeting were approved by assent.**

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Apprentice Pilot Update- Captain McVay reported the following:**
- 1) Capt. Merrigan is aggressively (apprentice) piloting and looking to get approved to start working in Cape Cod Canal.**
  - 2) Capt. Barnaby who is further along has been told by the Coast Guard that he has passed his pilotage for Narragansett Bay, and he is**

also looking to get approved for Cape Cod Canal. He will be working in New Haven.

3) Capt. McVay stated that he is in the process of reviewing applications for the apprentice pilot program. He will be conducting interviews soon to replace one of the apprentice pilots that currently resigned. Capt. McVay is hoping to accept one or possibly two individuals for the program.

**B. Follow-up to Public Hearing: Changes to regulations-**

1) The Chair inquired if there was any follow-up to the annual hearing or if any modifications to the regulations were finalized and published.

2) Att. Powers replied that no formal determination has been made by the committee.

3) The Chair stated that the committee had previously discussed changes in the gross tonnage from 20,000 to 30,000 GRT. in BI Sound and RI Sound. There was also a change modifying the rule (15.09) where a pilot shall decline to pilot a boat in state waters if the pilot determined it was unsafe (The Chair proposed a motion to changes in regs. at April 2010 meeting; all committee members seconded the motion[4-0]).

4) Capt. McVay stated that this was an international standard where the Coast Guard has the authority to sign on behalf of the US. Capt. McVay suggested that the committee adopt the language in the IMO standard and incorporate that in the RI Rules and Regulations.

5) The Chair stated that he had incorporated into the law the authority to make any regulatory changes to keep current with the

law. He went on to state that the revised law would have to be referenced if it is going to be adopted from IMO standards.

6) Att. Powers inquired if the committee had made a determination on how the changes should be written to the regulations.

7) The Chair and Committee members indicated to Att. Powers to go ahead and begin with changes as discussed at the annual hearing.

8) Att. Powers stated that the changes in the regulations go into effect 20 days after filing.

C. Motion was made to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues: Committed members voted to accept the motion (4-0).

## **II. New Business**

### **A. Pilot Boat Inspections-**

1) The Chair stated that he has received survey inspection reports of pilot boats I, II, IV, and V. The Chair made a motion to approve the above inspections. Capt. McVay seconded the motion. The committed voted 4-0 in favor.

### **B. USS Forrestal-**

1) Capt. McVay reported that the (aircraft carrier) USS Foresstal is scheduled to be moved on June 15. Preparations will be made prior; buoys will be removed, mooring lines will start to run at 6:00am, and then at 8:00am, during a high tide, the vessel will be towed out into Narragansett Bay.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

**The Commission plans to hold the next regular monthly Meeting in the conference room of the Division of Law Enforcement at DEM headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI on June 3, 2010 starting at approximately 9:30 a.m.**