

**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 June 3, 2010**

Members in attendance:

Michael Scanlon, Chair

Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr.; Member

Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member

Larry Mouradjian, Member

Others in attendance:

Attorney Gary Powers; Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary

Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The minutes of the May 6, 2010 meeting were approved by assent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. Apprentice Pilot Update- Captain McVay reported the following:

1) Capt. Bogus has piloted the Asphalt Seminole from Providence to Sandwich and also a car ship in and out of Davisville. He has piloted the Tarpen and Potomac into providence and the Morten Bouchard from Brenton Reef to Sandwich. (In addition to other assignments).

2) Capt. McVay stated that the State Pilot Board is requesting that

the Commission approve Capt. Bogus for the 30 foot draft to 32 foot draft.

3) The Chair made a motion to accept Capt. McVay's proposal; the Commission all voted in favor.

4) Capt. Merrigan: has gone back to sea.

5) Capt. Barnaby: The NEP are still waiting to get a copy his federal pilotage for Narragansett Bay.

6) The Chair inquired if the NEMP had begun interviews with candidates. Capt. McVay said they have a list of 3 applicants and will begin interviewing the first week of July.

B. Port Safety meeting-

1) The Chair stated that he attended the last Port Safety Meeting and addressed the issue of state pilots operating a vessel through Gould Island Channel during unsafe conditions. He advised attendees at the meeting that it would be the discretion of the pilot to navigate a vessel through unsafe waters.

2) The Chair stated that he emailed Atty. Powers a letter on regulatory authority regarding pilot boats transporting Connecticut and federal pilots in RI waters. He inquired whether or not the Commission can exercise their authority over out-of-state and federal pilots.

i. Atty. Powers stated that the Commission does have the statutory authority.

ii. The Chair inquired how the Commission has authority over the transportation of out-of-state and federal pilots, but not have authority over pilots in RI waters. He stated that the Commission

needs to change the regulations to assert the authority.

C. Regulation Revisions:

1) The Chair advised Atty. Powers to start working on Regulation 15.01 and then at the September meeting the Commission will decide whether to schedule another public meeting for 2010.

II. New Business

A. No New Business