

APPROVED MINUTES  
RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING  
April 4, 2013  
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

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<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Larry Mouradjian, Member Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Chief Steve Hall, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel Joanne Scorpio, Secretary Tom Sullivan, Sr. VP, Moran Shipping Capt. Vince Kirby, VP, NEMP Capt. Paul Costabile, Ex. Dir., NEMP Capt. Joseph Shepard, NEMP, Ret. Capt. Sean Bogus, NEMP Hank Nelson, Pres. Goff & Page Co

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**I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Quorum being present, Chair McVay called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Commissioners then reviewed the March 21, 2013 minutes. Member Capt. Fritz made a motion to approve the minutes; Member Chief Hall seconded the motion. The March minutes were approved by assent.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Regulation Review: Atty. Powers stated that upon further review of Rule 5 he found that the regulations had not been reviewed or updated for some time and that the language was antiquated. He advised that he would make the necessary revisions and email the revised regulation to the members.

The Commissioners and Atty. Powers then discussed the process of modifying and finalizing all of the State Pilot Rules and Regs. Chair McVay advised that because of the high volume of rule changes, perhaps having a second public hearing in November would help streamline the process instead of bringing all of the proposals to next year's annual public hearing.

- 2) Continued Discussions on Rate Increase: Capt. Costabile distributed a revised version of the pilotage-rate comparison chart of pilot fees in the northeast. He explained that the updated chart reflected Boston's rate changes. The members and attendees then discussed the comparisons further.

The meeting recessed at 9:55 for the annual public hearing and then resumed at 10:30.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Commission Meeting Changes: May meeting has been changed from May 2 to May 9, 2013. The Chair advised that he will email the members an updated meeting schedule.
- 2) Pilot Roster Review: No changes on Capt. Lemke's status.

#### IV. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED/SENT :

- 1) Received: Capt. Fritz's approval to qualify the NORTHEAST PILOT I for service. Capt. Fritz signed the Certificate of Compliance at the April meeting. A second copy of the certificate with the official Commission stamp was then given to Capt. Costabile.
- 2) Sent: The Chair sent Capt. Maco a letter of appreciation and acknowledgement of his resignation for his years of service on the State Pilot Board.

The Chair also sent Capt. Walker a letter of approval on behalf of the Commission for Capt. Walker's appointment to the State Pilot Board.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) Capt. Kirby (NEMP) distributed a notice/article regarding the *Limitation of Liability Statute* that the State of Mississippi entered into law. Capt. Kirby stated that he wanted the Commissioners to be aware of how the law limits the liability of a pilot to \$5,000 for damages and/or loss resulting from pilot error. He also advised that the law has been passed in ten other states; Mississippi being the latest. Members and attendees then discussed the statute.

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

#### VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The RI Pilot 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, Rm. 250, Providence, RI on Thursday, May 9, 2013 starting at 9:30am.