

APPROVED MINUTES
RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING
April 7, 2016
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Frank Floor, Member Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Jo-Anne Scorpio, Secretary Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NEMP Capt. Sean Bogus, President, NEMP Dean Hoxie, Chief, RIDEM, Div. of Law Enforcement Craig Ibbotson, Moran Shipping

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The March 3, 2016 minutes were reviewed, edited and then approved by the Commission.

Voted 3-0 in favor.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Meeting Schedule Changes: May meeting has been rescheduled to May 12, 2016.
- 2) State Pilot Board Update: Capt. Bogus advised that he and the State Pilot Board members all agreed that there will be a need for more state licensed pilots for both Narragansett Bay and Block Island Sound in the next year or so in lieu of other pilots retiring and to expand their depleted roster. Capt. Bogus requested that the Commission grant the NEMP approval to enlist additional pilots. Member Larry Mouradjian moved to approve that the Northeast Marine Pilots begin the process of obtaining additional recruitments. Member Frank Floor seconded the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

Capt Bogus then advised the Commissioners on the status of the probationary and apprentice pilots:

- David Gray: The Chair advised that Capt. Gray's restriction for Davisville has not been lifted by the Board yet, and his probationary license will expire on May 12.
 - Dale Harper: Dale Harper is home now and working full time as a contract pilot. As soon as the Board gets confirmations of all his federal pilotage for Narragansett Bay, he can go to the next step (for an apprentice). Capt Bogus also stated that he thinks that Capt. Harper will be ready for his license in the next several months.
 - Steve Crombie: Capt. Crombie is a little behind because of his work schedule.
- 3) Ft Wetherill Pier Access: Commissioner Mouradjian that Ft. Wetherill pier access update will be on next month's agenda.

- 4) NTSB letter: Atty. Powers said the he will draft the letter based on the outcome of the proposals from the Annual public hearing, and he will have that letter ready for the May 12th meeting.

Meeting adjourned for approximately one hour for the Annual Public Hearing

- 5) Commissioner Larry Mouradjian made a motion for Atty. Powers to draft a letter to the NTSB responding to their concerns on pilot fatigue and to increase the number of hours allowed for continuous rest.

The Chair advised that the letter will include the following: 1) The newly adopted fatigue rule which states that the pilot will have at least 9 hours of ~~continuous~~ rest in a 24-hour period before boarding a vessel. 2) The letter should also note that the amended rule went into effect on April 7, 2016. Commissioner Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. Voted 3-0 all in favor.

Atty. Powers then explained that the RI State Pilot Commission rules supersede the Pilot Association's Policy, and i.e., if the Pilot Assn. decides to amend their hours of uninterrupted sleep, they would not be in compliance with what is mandated by the state.

- 6) Increase of Gross Tonnage: Commissioner Larry Mourajian moved to approve a change in gross tonnage from 30,000 to 35,000 gross tons. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. Voted 3-0 in favor.
- 7) Pilotage Rate Increase Proposal: After the Commissioners and Pilots briefly discussed the proposed rate increase, Member Capt. Fritz suggested that he would like to see a three-year contract continue to keep up with the rest of the industry. He motioned to approve a rate increase of: 2% for 2017, 1% for 2018, and 2% for 2019. Member Frank Floor seconded the motion. Voted 3-0 all in favor.

III. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Member Peter Fritz made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Member Larry Mouradjian seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30a.m.

V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, May 12, 2016, beginning at approximately 9:30am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI 02908.