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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Of The
New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Commission
December 16, 2014**

The regular meeting of the New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at One Penn Plaza East, 9th Floor, Newark, NJ 07105.

Commissioner Stapleton called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

Open Public Meeting Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioner Timothy J. Dacey (present); Commissioner Brian McEwing (present); Commissioner Charles E. Stapleton (present); Commissioner Charles Wowkanech (present).

Tyler Yingling, Esq. from the Governor's Authorities Unit participated in the meeting via teleconference.

Approval of the November 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

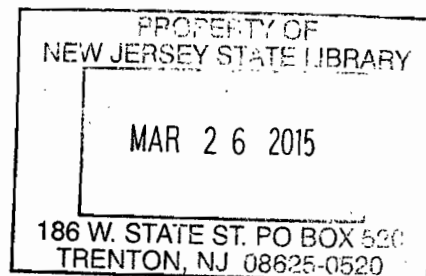
A motion was made by Commissioner Dacey and seconded by Commissioner Wowkanech to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Resolution #14-33 to approve the December 2014 Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Commissioner Dacey and seconded by Commissioner Wowkanech to pass resolution #14-33 to approve the December 2014 Treasurers Report. All voted in favor.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Stuckey introduced Ms. Kinta Montilus as the Commission's new Confidential Secretary. Ms. Montilus' duties will be to provide administrative support, maintain the pilot's files, and to serve as a point of contact or assistance for



anyone who works with the NJ Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission.

Ms. Montilus gave a brief summary of her background and expressed her pleasure to be able to work with the Commission.

Ms. Stuckey informed the commission that NYC EDC is working on a new study for the potential expansion and next stage of the ferries. They are in the process of putting together educational resources.

The Maritime Association offered a Shipping 101 course in November. Ms. Stuckey spoke to Edward Kelly, from the Maritime Association, about putting together a fast track course for the Commission and the Investigators. Ms. Stuckey suggested having the course held in Spring 2015. She has attended the course and believes it will be very informative.

Edward Kelly is a member of the NOAA Hydrographic Advisory Committee. The NOAA Hydrographic Advisory committee has also been working very hard to get the PORTS program funded.

There was a presentation on Marine Spatial Planning, Navigation & Wind Energy. The presentation helped to stimulate conversation on safety and occupation impacts to the maritime community. The ultimate goal is to be able to approach the Coast Guard with recommendations. Ms. Stuckey would like to invite them to address the Commission at a future meeting.

The sea safety presentation on the use of fog lights was well received by the pilots. Joseph Richeter is here today to give the Commissioner's a brief version of the presentation as well as an update on the status of the pilot program.

NYC DOT gave a presentation on the replacement of the Unionport Bridge over Westchester Creek in the Bronx. The part of the presentation that affects navigation would be Stage 2 when the twin temporary bridges will be in place. The plan is to keep the bridges in open position during construction for a period of approximately 90 days so as not to impact traffic. Most of the traffic is small commercial vessels and vessels entering and leaving Schildwater Oil Co. NYC DOT are in talks with the oil company about possible ways to limit traffic. The start date for construction is August 2015 with a completion date of 2020.

The Oil Terminal Roundtable committee expressed concerns that the committee cannot affect change without enforcement

authority. Because of this, the problematic terminals do not attend the roundtable meetings.

The Committee has decided to take a safety approach to handle unsafe gangways which would include local authorities i.e. fireman, EMT's. This approach would focus on hazard as the issue, stating that in the case of an emergency people could not board the ship safely. It was decided that a letter would be sent to all the terminals with a copy to local police, EMT, and fire departments expressing the committee's concern. Ms. Stuckey volunteered to have the letter come from New Jersey Pilot Commission. Lt. Iko also agreed to check with the US Coast Guard to see if they would be willing to send a similar letter.

The next Oil Terminal Roundtable committee meeting will take place following the March Harbor Ops Meeting.

Leonard Evans has completed his apprenticeship on the Hudson River, and has passed his state licensing exam. He is currently "breaking in" to return to the New Jersey rotation and will serve as a transport pilot for the Hudson River. Since the transport agreement Captain Nils Tribus has had 20 assignments on the Hudson River.

The Port Authority's Annual briefing revealed that container trade is up 3%. It also noted that 560 Longshoreman were hired in 2014, and over 59% of them were veterans.

A taskforce has been put together to implement a plan to speed recovery of the ports in cases of diverse weather conditions. The commissioners were provided with a copy of the Winter Weather Plan distributed by Port Authority NY/NJ.

The raising of the Bayonne is 25% completed. The project remains on track for a Summer 2015 completion date.

Ms. Stuckey reached out to the Docking Pilots' Associations and the following individuals agreed to serve on the 2015 Docking Pilot Apprentice Selection Committee: Captain Robert Flannery (Metro), Captain Louis Bettinelli (Interport), and Captain William O'Neil (Harbor Pilots).

Ms. Stuckey is scheduled to meet with the Accident Investigators on January 6, 2014. At that meeting they will be issued their credentials, and head over to Fort Wadsworth to meet with the US Coast Guard investigation team and tour VTS.

Ms. Stuckey informed the Commission that she will be taking vacation from December 19, 2014 until January 2, 2015. She will be on call during that time, but Ms. Montilus will be in the office to handle any issues or inquiries.

Public Comment(s)

Comment from Captain Richard Schoenlank, President Sandy Hook Pilots Association:

Captain Schoenlank thanked the Commission for allowing NJ pilots to serve as transport pilots for the Hudson River.

He informed the Commission of the new COTP Captain Michael Daye. Captain Daye was in the port of New York/New Jersey during 9/11.

The Ebola Workshop on November 25, 2014 had a high turnout although the CDC was not in attendance. The discussions were good and touched on a lot of "what-ifs".

The construction of the new pilot station is progressing.

The speed bumps should be gone by the middle of 2015.

Comment from Robert Flannery, President Metro Pilots Association added:

Captain Flannery thanked Ms. Stuckey for her willingness to contact the terminals regarding the unsafe gangways. He feels that after the terminals are contacted there will be positive responses.

Presentation on Fog Lights by Joseph Richter from Sea Safety International, Inc.

Joseph Richter and Richard Towne, factory representative of Sealite USA, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the use of fog lights in the port. The light was designed to serve as a supplemental tool to help pilots during low visibility conditions. The device would improve sight during bad conditions, provide pilots with peace of mind, and aid in navigating the vehicle safely.

The Commissioners agreed the concept was great, but they would like to see pictures of the device in action. Mr. Richter promised to forward pictures once the pilot program has been completed.

Committee Report

- A. Surcharge Committee Meeting:
Immediately following today's meeting there will be a Surcharge Committee Meeting.
- B. Investigation Committee:
- I. MSC Rania - February 2, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - II. Wanderer - March 18, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - III. CSAV Loconillia - May 16, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - IV. Port Richmond - May 29, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - V. STI Beryl - June 14, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - VI. Puccini - August 18, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - VII. Bremen Express - October 3, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - VIII. Hangin Newport - October 4, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - IX. Maersk Chicago - October 21, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - X. Hanjin Rio DeJanerio - November 1, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - XI. MSC Martina - November 3, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - XII. Rainbow Quest - November 7, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.
 - XIII. Hyundai Glory - December 9, 2014. This incident is still under investigation.

Old Business

- A. Masters on Cruise Vessels utilizing the Auto Pilot
Executive Director Stuckey reported that she met with Frank Keane and Captains Richard Shoenlank and Thomas Walsh. Both sides are still working together to come up with a joint policy.
NY already has a policy in place that is against the use of auto pilot. They will update their current policy in January 2015. In the meantime, Ms. Stuckey suggested that NJ publish an advisory in early 2015 to give pilots guidance.
- B. Intra-harbor Intermediate Rates

The proposal was provided to the Commissioners at the November 13, 2014 regular meeting. The two Sandy Hook Presidents, Captains Richard Shoenlank and Thomas Walsh were in attendance to answer questions regarding the proposal and to answer why it is necessary to adjust the rates. Ms. Stuckey advised that the proposal will be published in the JOC by NY. She will attend a public hearing in support of the proposal. Upon completion of the hearing both Commissions will adopt the rates simultaneously.

Executive Session

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act provides that a public body such as The New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission may meet in closed session to discuss legal and personnel matters, and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to meet in closed session to discuss such matters.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Commission shall at this time meet in closed session to discuss such matters the substance of the closed session would be disclosed publicly only if it would not warrant an invasion of privacy or constitute a breach of the attorney client privilege.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dacey and seconded by Commissioner McEwing that the Commission goes into Executive Session.

All voted in favor.

The commission went into Executive Session at 11:17 AM.

Return to Public Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Dacey and seconded by Commissioner McEwing that the Commission return to Public Session.

All voted in favor.

The Commission returned to Public Session at 11:46 AM.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Dacey and seconded by Commissioner McEwing that the meeting be adjourned. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 AM.