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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The

New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Commission

March 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the New Jersey Maritime Pilot and Docking Pilot Commission was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at One Penn Plaza East, Board Room, Newark, NJ 07105.

Commissioner Dacey called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

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Open Public Meeting Statement

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Commissioner Timothy J. Dacey (present); Commissioner Brian McEwing (present); Commissioner Jacob Shisha (present); Commissioner Charles Wowkanech (absent)

Approval of the February 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner McEwing and seconded by Commissioner Shisha to approve the February 20, 2018 meeting minutes. All voted in favor.

Resolution #18-07 to approve the March, 2018 Treasurers Report

A motion was made by Commissioner McEwing and seconded by Commissioner Shisha to pass Resolution #18-07 to approve the March, 2018 Treasurers Report. All voted in favor.

Executive Director's Report

A. Hudson River Update - The Commission has not had any reports of transport jobs on the Hudson River since its last meeting. Captain Leonard Evans informed Ms. Stuckey that he will put his Hudson River license on hold. He will only consider renewing his license on the Hudson River if the need becomes strong and he is needed to return.

B. Apprentice Selection Process - The ads have been published and the Commission has received several inquiries for persons wishing to apply to become a docking pilot. The application deadline date for both is April 15, 2018. So far, the Commission has received one docking pilot application, although there has been a lot of interest.

C. Governor's Budget Book - Attached is a copy of the updated page with the Commission's finances for the Governor's budget book. The numbers are slightly different from what the Commission has on account with the state because Ms. Stuckey adds in the amount that the Commission holds in their discretionary account to pay monthly expenses.

D. The meeting with Adam Sternbach from the Authorities Unit has been postponed. Mr. Sternbach's wife gave birth and he is out of the office until April 2nd. The meeting will be rescheduled upon his return.

E. Legislative Cruise - The date for the Commission's Legislative cruise is set for the evening of June 19, 2018. The Commission will work on sending out save the date notices by the first week of April.

F. Ms. Stuckey gave the keynote address at the Garret A. Morgan Shadow Day sponsored by the NJTPA and COMPTO. A copy of the agenda was provided to the Commission. The speech went extremely well and Ms. Stuckey has been invited to give the keynote address for a woman's empowerment seminar for COMPTO and the NJTPA have invited her to speak at their career day on April 3, 2018. She believes it provides a great opportunity to share with people all the great work going on within the Maritime industry.

G. Harbor Ops Meeting - Ms. Stuckey attended the March 15, 2018 Harbor Ops meeting. Here is a summary of some of the items discussed.

- The Hudson River PAWSA report has been distributed. Ms. Stuckey provided a copy to the Commissioners.
- Things are going great with the bridges, no major issues.
- It was reported that Captain Day is concerned about the need for more dry dock space in the port. Ms. Stuckey believed this was triggered by the anticipation of increased vessel traffic that will come with the expansion of the Ferry service.
- The Core of Engineers reported that the dredging of the Sandy Hook channel is completed and the next cycle will take place in the fall/winter of next year.
- The Port Authority reported that the dredging at APM berths 94 & 96 is complete and they have received permits from DEP for berths 54 & 56.
- The spring soundings will hopefully begin by mid-April and finished by the first week in June.
- 4 ultra large cranes are being shipped to APM from Shanghai. They should arrive sometime in April. There is going to be a big celebration when they arrive.
- DOT and the Port Authority have been given the approval to work with Stevens to begin to collect sub-surface data to add to the information on the Ports system.

H. Sandy Hook Monthly Apprentice Training Report - The Commissioners were provided with a copy of the Sandy Hook Monthly Apprentice Training Report. Apprentice Paul Torres is currently stopped up and has been scheduled to take his exam the week of July 30th.

I. Maritime Association Hall of Fame Dinner - The Maritime Associations Hall of Fame Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th at the Hyatt in New York. If the Commission is interested in attending, please let Ms. Stuckey know and she will make the necessary RSVP's.

J. Ms. Stuckey received word from Sandy Hook that they have had another successful interaction with a terminal regarding the correction of gangways. Chris Maglin gave the Commission a brief overview of the process.

K. Shared Harbor Day - Ms. Stuckey will attend the Shared Harbor Day event on Saturday, March 24, 2018 aboard the Hornblower Hybrid at Pier 51 in the East River.

L. Articles of Interest - Ms. Stuckey provided the Commission with one article of Interest about the tabling of the Hudson River anchorage proposal.

- Captain Day gave the Commission a brief update on the Hudson River anchorage proposal.

Public Comment (s)

Comments from Captain John Oldmixon, President, Sandy Hook Pilots Association:

Captain Oldmixon reported that he and Captain John DeCruz attended the APA meetings in Florida. He states that he provided the other pilot associations with a copy of the deficiency form to fill out.

Captain Oldmixon reported that he, Captain Decruz and Captain John Miller went to MITAGS. They worked on simulations with the Maersk Company and he feels that minus a few small issues the exercises worked out very well.

Captain Oldmixon reported that all of Sandy Hook pilots and boats are doing very well after the number of Nor'easters that has hit the area.

Captain Oldmixon reported that Sandy Hook's new pilot house is working out great and that all of the pilots and employees are very happy.

Captain Oldmixon reports that Sandy Hook with the help of others has started a Harbor Safety Committee for the Hudson River. He has been reaching out to get others in the Industry involved in-order to keep the Hudson River safe at all times.

Captain Oldmixon reported that he will attend the Shared Harbor Day as one of the panelist.

Captain Oldmixon reported that Sandy Hook has received the Navy contract, but also was informed that the contract is under protest. He has spoken to the Navy about the issue and they feel that a letter is being reviewed, but will not have any impact on the contract.

Captain Oldmixon reports that Sandy Hook Association's business is up 5 percent this year and they have seen an increase in UCLV traffic last month.

Captain Oldmixon reported that he has spoken to Doug Einhorn and his back and left ankle are still bothering him, but he still remains positive through it all.

Captain Oldmixon reports that he feels Chris Maglin is doing a great job running the operations at the Sandy Hook offices.

Comments from Captain Robert Flannery, Captain, Metro Pilots Association:

Captain Flannery reports that he plans on being back to work in a couple of months.

Captain Flannery reported that in his absence Sandy Hook and Metro Pilots Association went down to MITAGS to participate in simulation exercises for the ULCV's and SULCV's with Maersk because they did not participate in the first round of exercises. Although he was not there, Captain Flannery heard that things went well and John Miller will give the Commission a full update.

Comments from Captain John Miller, Vice President, Metro Pilots Association:

Captain Miller reported that Metro Pilots Association was contacted by Maersk to discuss the arrival of their 10,000 TEU-Class ships. Metro classified their ships as SULCV's and they were not happy about that. Maersk felt that you cannot class every ship from 10,000 TEU to 18,000 TEU in the same category. The plan is to work amongst the different pilot organizations and come up with a satisfactory classification.

Captain Miller reported that Metro is also working with the terminals to improve the communication while the cranes are moving while ships are entering the channel. Collectively, they are trying to figure a system to handle the problem.

Comments from Ed Kelly, Executive Director, Maritime Association:

Mr. Kelly reported that the Hudson River Anchorage proposal needs more commercial participation. The Harbor anchorages are essential to the maritime community. Mr. Kelly believes that working with the Harbor Safety Committee will help the issue get resolved.

Mr. Kelly reports that the Port Unity Group meeting is being held on March 21, 2018 at Maher Terminal. It will be a broad base group of people from the maritime community.

Mr. Kelly reported that Off-Shore wind is still an issue in this area. He recently visited Washington, DC for a meeting with some senior Bohm executives to address their plan for Off-Shore wind. He believes that it is very important that the maritime industry continues to monitor this issue so that all parties can safely co-exist.

Mr. Kelly reported that there is a need for adequate shore repair facilities. He believes that the community is at the point where people will be willing to invest in dry docks, but the maritime community must make sure that there is adequate land to handle the demand.

Mr. Kelly reported that the Harbor-Ops Committee is hosting a Shared Harbor Day on Saturday, March 24th from 10am to 2pm at Pier 15. The focus of the event will be for an overall perspective on safety and to answer any questions on commercial concerns.

Resolution #18-08 to approve the Issuance of a New Jersey State Docking Pilot's License to Adam Richardson

A motion was made by Commissioner McEwing and seconded by Commissioner Shisha to pass Resolution #18-08 to approve the issuance of a New Jersey State Docking Pilot's License to Adam Richardson.

All voted in favor.

Adam Richardson was sworn in as a New Jersey State Docking Pilot by Commissioner Dacey.

Appointment of Ricard Wood into the Docking Pilot Apprentice Training Program

The Commission tabled the appointment of Richard Wood into the Docking Pilot Apprentice Training Program for the April 17, 2018 meeting.

Discussion with Captain Michael Day and Jason Tama

Captain Day thanked the Commission for all of their professionalism and dedication over the years. He also stated his admiration for Ms. Stuckey's leadership and for promoting safety in the port. Captain Day states that it has been a pleasure working with the Commission and as of June 8th, he will be relieved by Captain Jason Tama.

The Commission thanked Captain Day for all of his cooperation and he has been a pleasure to work with.

Captain Tama thanked the Commission for having him at the meeting and feels it is an honor to be working with them. He expressed his respect and enjoyment of working with Captain Day. Captain Tama informs the Commission that he is looking forward to working with them and how much he values the relationship between the Coast Guard and the Commission.

The Commission presented Captain Day with a gift for his dedication to the port.

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 Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing that the Commission goes into Executive Session.

All voted in favor.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 11:00 AM.

Return to Public Session

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

All voted in favor.

The Commission returned to Public Session at 12:27 PM.

Report for the Stolt Efficiency

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing to accept the report of the Stolt Efficiency.

All voted in favor.

Order to Show Cause for the Stolt Efficiency

A motion was made by Commissioner Shisha and seconded by Commissioner McEwing to approve the Order to Show Cause for the Stolt Efficiency.

All voted in favor.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.