

The first meeting of the Connecticut Maritime Commission, Martin Toyen, Chairman, was held on March 10, 2005 at The Connecticut Department of Transportation in Newington, CT.

Prior to the commencement of the official meeting, the following were sworn in by Assistant Attorney General, Paul Pernerewski.

Mr. Martin Toyen, Chairman
Mr. Stephen E. Korta, II (representing CT DOT)
Sen. G.L. Gunther
Mr. Vincent Cashin
Mr. Tom Dubno
Ms. Judy Gott
Mr. Kaye Williams
Mr. Joseph Riccio
Mr. David Shuda
Mr. John Wronowski

Upon conclusion of the swearing in ceremony, Chairman Toyen called the meeting to order.

Minutes

CONNECTICUT MARITIME COMMISSION MEETING **CT DOT HEADQUARTERS - NEWINGTON** **THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005** **10 a.m.**

Members Present:

Mr. Martin Toyen, Chairman
Mr. Stephen E. Korta, II
Sen. G.L. Gunther
Mr. Vincent Cashin
Mr. Tom Dubno
Ms. Judy Gott
Mr. Kaye Williams
Mr. Joseph Riccio
Mr. David Shuda
Mr. John Wronowski

Members Absent:

Commissioner - Economic & Community Development
Commissioner - Department of Environmental Protection
Secretary - Office of Policy and Management
Chairman - Transportation Strategy Board
Mr. John Johnson

- I. Chairman Toyen called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
 - The Chairman's first order of business was to elect a Secretary.
 - It was agreed that a quorum was present and that the process could continue.
 - Senator Gunther nominated Ms. Judy Gott for the position of Secretary.
 - The motion was seconded by Mr. Vincent Cashin.
 - Ms. Gott accepted and joined the Chairman in front of the group.

II. The Chairman suggested that a major issue of the committee was to help develop a policy.

- The Chairman would like to establish a sub-committee for Maritime Policy, and asked for volunteers.
- Mr. Joseph Riccio will work on the "Policy Statement" and other information.
- Mr. Shuda, Mr. Dubno and Mr. Cashin will be part of a sub-committee for the "Policy Committee".

III. Per the Chairman, there were issues raised by the former Port Authority, i.e.

Economic Funding

What can the Committee do?

How to proceed

Which also included the following major topics:

- a) Rails - Cargo moved in/at ports on rails
- b) Concern about the reconstruction of I-95, and how such a project could affect port operations or closures.

Transportation Deputy Commissioner Carl Bard offered a representative, as needed, to provide information to the Committee regarding CT-DOT initiatives/projects.

IV. A major concern of the Committee should be the navigation in and around our boundary waters.

- At issue is that of Broadwater, a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Terminal in NY "boundary" waters. The concern is safety.

- Captain Peter Boynton, USCG, Captain of the Port, Long Island Sound, advised those in attendance that normally, if such a project were proposed outside of state waters that it would fall under the Deep Water Port Act and the Coast Guard would be responsible for permitting. However, because Long Island Sound is entirely state waters, even though the proposed project is outside of 3 nautical miles, it does not considered a Deep Water Port, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is responsible for permitting. The Coast Guard is responsible for providing FERC a recommendation regarding navigational safety and security for this project.

The USCG will be conducting a Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA), a structured process to bring together stakeholders to evaluate impact to safety of navigation by the Broadwater project. The Coast Guard will work with approximately 30 representatives of waterways users, including Pilots, representatives of deep draft vessels, passenger vessels (including ferries) and commercial fishermen. Environmental Groups with a focus on Long Island Sound will also be represented. The results of this PAWSA will be used by the Coast Guard in its recommendation to FERC regarding safety of navigation. Per Captain Boynton, the Connecticut Maritime Commission will have the opportunity to be represented in that assessment as an observer. The PAWSA will take place May 3-4, 2005 in Port Jefferson, NY. The PAWSA results will be published in the Federal Register, and public meetings will be held by the Coast Guard regarding this Assessment.

In addition, the USCG will conduct a security assessment of the proposed project. The security assessment will be conducted by the Area Maritime Security Committee, in accordance with the Maritime Transportation Security Act. The security assessment is expected to take place in the summer of 2005.

Senator Gunther advised those in attendance that he has access to mapping for the proposed area of Broadwater, and offered to provide information as requested.

The goal should be to make recommendations.

The Chairman noted that he sees the potential of three sub-committees to do the work. "There are studies, i.e. NY Metro Commission for Ferry and Freight". Everyone is looking to increase their use.

V. It was recommended that meeting dates be established such that they may become official with the Secretary. The 2006 meeting dates are needed by November, 2005.

- A Monthly Meeting date and time was settled on, to be held the 3rd Thursday at 9 a.m., at the CT DOT Headquarters, Newington

- The next Monthly Meeting will be April 21, 2005.

Mr. Robert Hammersley informed the Chair and those in attendance that "TSB" is holding a meeting on March 22, at this very location, regarding dredging. (8 a.m., Conference Room A).

VI. Other concerns such as safety and security were expressed, with the question "Does this belong here?"

VII. The Chairman raised the question of "Should the Commission have a Web Site?"

- Others recommended that it should include:

Harbor Masters

Port Authorities

Pilot Commissions

Dates for Various Meetings

Encourage a dialogue with parties

- They should communicate with adjacent states, such as CT & MA

- Mr. Shuda recommended that the Commissioner effectively recommend its position to CT DOT, ETAL

- It was acknowledged that the Maritime Industry is effectively being recognized by CT DOT

- "It is now up to the Commission to be effective", Chairman

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Note:

Prepared by Maria Kozikowski, DOT and reviewed by Secretary Judy Gott before distribution for adoption