

# Maine Pilotage Commission



MaineDOT ~ Room 227 Conference Room  
June 29, 2017

## Minutes of Meeting

In compliance with MSRA 38 § 85 and in fulfillment of the Commission's duties addressed in MSRA 38 § 90, a meeting of the Maine Pilotage Commission was held on June 29, 2017 in Augusta, Maine.

### Administration:

Maine Pilotage Commission Members constituting a quorum were:

Captain Charles Weeks	– Chair of the Commission
Captain David Gelinas	– Pilot Member (Telephone)
Mr. Tom Dobbins	– Maritime Industry Member
Captain Jerry Morrison	– Pilot Member
Captain John Worth	– Maritime Industry Member
Mr. Brian Downey	– Pilotage Commission Administrator

Maine Pilotage Commission Interested Parties present were:

Captain Michael Ames	– Independent
Jeff Squires	– Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Captain Adam Philbrook	– Penobscot Bay and River Pilot

Maine DOT staff present were:

Mr. Nate Moulton	– Maine DOT Office of Freight and Business
Mr. John Henshaw	– Maine Port Authority
Matthew Burns	– Maine Port Authority

### Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Captain Weeks opened the meeting at 1030, acknowledged a quorum, and facilitated introductions around the room.

*Amendments and Carry-Over Items:* There were no carry over items from the March 30, 2017 meeting, nor amendments to the agenda; and hearing no objections, it was thus:

RESOLVED to accept the agenda and Agenda Item One was closed.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Approval of March 30, 2017 Commission Meeting Minutes**

After considering the content of the March 30, 2017 meeting minutes, Mr. Dobbins motioned to accept the minutes. Captain Morrison seconded the motion; and hearing no objections or abstentions it was thus:

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2017 Maine Pilotage Commission meeting.

### **Agenda Item 3 – Cruise Ship Ordinances**

Captain Gelinas led a discussion regarding emerging influence of some communities in the state to control ship arrivals. In particular, the Rockland Harbor Commission recently sought to limit cruise ship arrivals. Upon attending a Rockland Harbor Commission meeting, Captain Gelinas noted that the limitation was essentially a temporary measure to control passenger volume while the City updates its municipal dock and infrastructure to better handle large cruise ships. The proposed limit of ships that could call on the Rockland Municipal Pier would be 10 annually, to avoid overwhelming the small facility while it is being upgraded. The Harbor Commission, however, confirmed that the proposed limit would not impact cruise ship traffic that wished to call on Rockland, provided, that any ships beyond the proposed cap of 10 (annually) used private docks/infrastructure to shuttle passengers.

Rockland is a growing focus as a cruise ship destination to relieve some of the traffic from Bar Harbor which is now expecting as many as 163 cruise ships in 2017. In an effort to provide more efficient and safer cruise ship access to Rockland, the Penobscot Bay and River Pilots Association have formally proposed to the Coast Guard a new Federal anchorage East of Rockland Harbor off Broad Cove.

### **Agenda Item 4 – Training Update**

Mr. Downey briefed the Commission regarding the three-year Pilot Training Plan. He also outlined the current budget of the Pilot Training Fund and discussed continued DEP support with Mr. Jeff Squires of Maine DEP. The Maine Pilotage Commission remains strongly supportive of the continuation of the Commission / DEP Memorandum of Understanding which allocates training funds to preventative pilot training. Mr. Downey reviewed various training combinations to finish out calendar year 2017 including Azi-pod Training at MITAGS, a National Transportation Safety Board Marine Accident Investigation course and Manned Model training to be completed in Port Revel. Hearing no objections, it was thus:

RESOLVED to approve Mr. Dobbins to attend the NTSB course November 28 - December 1, 2017 with no co-pay (as a designated Commission Investigator); and

for Captain Philbrook to attend a Manned Model Course at Port Revel (with applicable 25% cost share).

It was further understood, that Mr. Downey will avail Azi-Pod training to as many as three pilots to be completed at MITAGS (with applicable 25% cost share).

All course attendees will be responsible for setting up their own training and logistics.

### **Agenda Item 5 – Financial**

Mr. Downey reported on *Ports and Marine Accounts* which has a current balance of \$11,773.84. License income and insurance expenses flow through this account.

#### *Cash Report:*

Total cash received since March 30, 2017:

- Total Cash Receipts: \$375.00 (license renewal fees)

Cash disbursements since March 30, 2017:

- Board Travel: \$320.60

*Training Fund Balance:* The *Pilotage Training Account* currently has a balance of \$46,382.70.

Total receipts since March 30, 2017:

- None.

Total disbursements since March 30, 2017:

- \$14,729.77 (BRM-P Training)
- \$273.08 Hutchinson Center Training Venue.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Commission/License Status**

Mr. Downey reviewed pending transactions including:

#### *License Status:*

Captain Klopp's renewal which was signed on November 17, 2016 and Captain Gelinias who was issued a renewed license on March 30, 2017. Captain Morrison completed a State license renewal effective April 28, 2017. Captain Smith completed a State pilot license renewal effective June 29, 2017. Captain Read is due for State pilot license renewal in December of 2017.

#### *Commission Status:*

Pending Commission renewals include Captain Morrison, as well as, Captain Moody and Captain Weeks. All Commissions expire in August of 2017. All pending renewals have been submitted to the Governor's Office (Director of Boards and Commissions) for processing and approval.

**Agenda Item 7 – Other/Miscellaneous**

Mr. Downey raised the issue of Federal license delays due to a backlog of license updates at the National Maritime Center. The NMC is processing a high volume of updates due to the application of the Manila Amendments for STCW endorsements (effective January 1, 2017). The NMC has issued a blanket extension to any mariners that have been impacted by the delay until September 30, 2017. Two 2017 license renewals were impacted by the NMC but were ultimately issued without any validity gap.

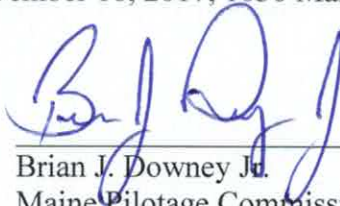
**Agenda Item 8 – Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair of the Commission, Captain Charles Weeks at 1145.

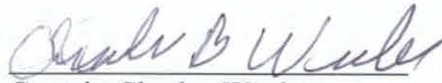
**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be set for November 16, 2017, 1030 MaineDOT Building Room 227.

Respectfully submitted:



Brian J. Downey Jr.  
Maine Pilotage Commission Administrator



Captain Charles Weeks  
Chair, Maine Pilotage Commission