

## **Milford Harbor Management Commission**

January 16, 2014

### **Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:**

James Beard  
Nancy Bennett  
Robert Brennan  
David Newman  
John Nevin  
Ray Oliver  
Robert Pacelli  
Robert Post, Chairman  
Ray Swift, Operations Director  
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster

### **Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:**

Alan Waterman  
Brian Bier, Board of Alderman  
Nick Veccharelli Board of Alderman

Robert Post, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

### **Consideration of Minutes of December 19, 2013**

R. Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2013 seconded by J. Nevin. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** *None*

### **Chairman's Report – Robert Post**

- Next meeting is February 20, 2014.
- City Web Page has been updated and the Commission page corrected
- Dredging of the channel – R. Post stated he met with Mayor Blake regarding the dredging project, there may be funds left over from both the Gulf beach renovation project and Lisman Landing Dredging project to help defray the costs of the dredging, Bob explained that this is a federal channel and the U.S.A.C.O.E. not commission is responsible to maintain it.
- Boat Ramp Fee Increase – Also in the meeting they discussed the fees, the Mayor proposed a smaller increase, a \$5 could approved by Board of Alderman, the commission disagreed with the amount, stating we have laid off full time employees cut expenses and there is no room to cut anywhere else.
- Insurance – the expense of the insurance must come out of Harbor Commission budget. R. Oliver expressed concern over the cost to run the operation and the rising insurance rates.

### **Nominating Committee – James Beard, Al Waterman**

- J. Beard cast a ballot for Robert Post as Chairman, Alan Waterman as Vice Chairman and Nancy Bennett for Secretary. The motion was seconded by R. Brennan and the Board unanimously approved.
- Standing Committees - R. Post stated that the committees would remain as follows;
  - **Amendments-** Jim Beard, Ray Oliver
  - **Finance** – Al Waterman, Nancy Bennett
  - **Harbor & Mooring** – Dave Newman, Bob Brennan

**Housatonic-** Robert Pacelli, John Nevin  
**Lisman Landing-** Al Waterman, Nancy Bennett

### **Director's Report – Ray Swift**

- R. Swift stated he met with the Finance Director. The funds allocated for harbor dredging project can be used for channel dredging project.
- Several bills have been paid. Roberge has been paid. Allbright Electric has been paid, 4 lights need to be address.
- Lisman Landing main docks have been reinstalled and half the docks have power.
- R. Swift priced new lumber for the pilings from Port Lumber in Port Chester costing between \$10 - \$12 per foot and \$500-\$600 to pile drive. He suggested using some of the old pilings, just drive in less if okay with Board. The Board approved.
- Mooring fees have started to come in.
- Several Events at Harbor this spring, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, Duck Race, Memorial Day – sold out, Lobster Bake, Black Rock Boating, Oyster Festival. Boat Show has not reserved a date as of yet.

### **Harbormaster's Report- B. Kurlya**

- Invoices are out. He needs some spaces for smaller 23-24 ft boats.
- Dredging Update - Sampling Plan was received on November 5, 2013. He received quote from Coastal and Roberge for approx. \$20,000 for 4 samples and testing. A renewable permit, for the maintenance of the channel with reuse of the sand along Milford shoreline is recommended. He added the Conn. DOT would fund 80% and Milford fund 20%. R. Post submitted photos taken recently showing that the entrance to the Harbor is the first concern. R. Post added that once they have final cost they can talk to Finance about the funds and the bidding process.

### **Report of Standing Committees**

Milford Landing – none

Finance

Savings: \$ 267,420.77

Checking: \$ 61,045.04

Total \$ 328,465.81

Harbor & Mooring - none

Housatonic, Amendments- none

**Correspondence:** Larry Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster resignation letter.

- R. Post called for recommendations for Deputy Harbormaster. He added that we are required to submit three names to go to the Governor's office the following names will be submitted, Lee Henchman, Ed Garlick and David Newman.

### **Old Business**

*Pond Dredging Update* – J. Beard stated that Steven Johnson's grant ended, adding his intention to attend the Finance Budget hearings to have the funds reinstated as we need a full time person to get this going.

*Marina Dredging Update* – Dredging is complete, fingers and piles need to be reinstalled.

*Proposed Boat Ramp Fee Increase* – Chairman's report

*Milford Harbor Federal Channel dredging*- Chairman's & Harbormaster's Report

### **New Business**

- N. Bennett stated that there are two light poles located at Lisman Landing that that Milford Boat Works maintains they lost power during Hurricane. Before she has UI come out she wanted to get the Boards approval if needed be to put the service overhead to access to the power. The Board had no problem. B. Post suggested that she look into UI the Light the Night Program.
- R. Oliver stated that there is a proposal for something on the other side of harbor near the Library & Fowler buildings. When plans are made available, he will bring them to the Board.

**Motion to Adjourn**

J. Beard made a motion to adjourn seconded by R. Brennan. The meeting closed at 8:05 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes

Recorder