

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2011**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2011 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard
R. Brennan
R. Miller
G. Montano
D. Newman
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster

Not Present

N. Bennett
R. Post
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 16, 2010 were presented. Mr. Waterman made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded. Motion carried unanimously with no changes.

Public Comments – Happy New Year.

Chairman's Report – none

Nominating Committee Report – Mr. Waterman as Chairman of the committee presented the proposed slate of officers for 2011. The committee proposes to keep the officers as they stand now with Mr. Montano as Chairman, Mr. Beard as Vice-Chairman and Ms. Bennett as Secretary. Mr. Brennan made a motion with Mr. Winters seconding to keep the officers as stated above with one vote per commissioner counting for the slate of officers. Motion carried unanimously with no changes.

Director's Report – The state PILOT funds were deposited in the harbor commission fund in the amount stated in December of \$60,159.10.

Reservations for the summer are coming in. The big weekends are full or nearly so.

In the fall of 2010, boats from the Housatonic River came for the Columbus Day weekend. The deal for the weekend was that if they paid for Saturday night, they were able to stay Friday night for no cost. It was well attended for such short notice and Mr. Swift has been approached about doing it again this year. More boats are expected to participate in 2011.

There are indications that Mount Sinai Sailing Association may come in the weekend before Memorial Day which will be good.

The bubbler system is in and operating. This coming week is expected to be really cold so it'll be needed.

Devon Santa, Roberge, is working on the engineer drawings for the marina dredging. The company came out and did GPS fixes from the ends of the fingers. Mr. Swift and Mr. Santa will meet regarding the slope of the area from the bulkhead north to the bridge. The original drawings when the

marina was built don't match with what is actually there. The slope all has to do with the wetlands and the riverbank. Mr. Beard and Mr. Bodick seemed to think that perhaps it doesn't match because ledge was hit when the original dredging took place.

The number of floating docks open was questioned. Mr. Swift stated that it hadn't changed since the December meeting. An ad has been placed in WindCheck again this year and the floats should start to fill up.

Mr. Waterman wanted to know about the feedback, if any, on the rate hike. No confirmation letters with the new rate sheets have been sent out yet so there's been no feedback.

Harbormaster's Report – none

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance – The fund balance as of 12/31/10 was \$ 265,609.80 in savings and \$137,780.04 in checking for a total of \$403,389.84.

Mr. Swift passed around the current revenue and expense figures – July 1, 2010 through January 20, 2011.

Mr. Swift noted that there is a Board of Alderman meeting on February 7, 2011 in case some commissioners would like to attend. The mayor is placing on the agenda the bonding of the marina dredging as well as the cost of the High Street bulkhead repair. Mr. Winters wanted to know the anticipated cost of the dredging. Mr. Swift said the approximate figure given to the Mayor was \$220,000.

Harbor and Mooring – Mr. Swift related a conversation held earlier in the week with a long time mooring holder, Mr. Anthony Faresich. Mr. Faresich was ready to get out of boating when the use of the old mushroom system began to take its toll. The floating dock system went in at that time so he decided to try it. He has nothing but good things to say about it and how much easier it is to use.

Housatonic – no report

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – none

Old Business – Mr. Beard reported that there'd been a meeting on the pond dredging about a week ago at Stonebridge Restaurant. Mr. Conine; Mr. Frank Matthews who has a personal interest in it, he lives at the end of Maple Street; Mary Rose Palumbo from Inland/Wetlands; Mr. Bruce Kolwicz, Public Works Director; and Mr. Swift had a discussion on what can be done versus what cannot. The hope is that \$30,000 will be available to get the engineering and testing done and go from there.

Mr. Swift is waiting to hear from the state on the pumpout process.

Mr. Montano reported on the High Street bulkhead repair. The cost estimates are in - \$2.2 million. The project involves a lot of steel which is the majority of the cost. The cost figure sheet with a breakdown of what each item was estimated for was passed around for the commissioner's review. The mayor is 150% behind the project. Provisions were made for the commercial fishermen, public fishing and use and handicap access. There will be a provision for power outlets to be utilized with future expansion but not at this time. Mr. Brennan questioned the footage. It is about 550' feet of steel bulkhead. It will look like an extension of the marina and launch ramp area with matching lighting and railings, etc. With some pruning come bid time, the actual cost could come in lower. Mr. Montano

requested that all the commissioners attend the Board of Alderman meeting on February 7, 2011 to show support for the project. A current set of plans is available for review in the office after the meeting. Discussion was held on the volume of commercial fishing coming through Milford Harbor and how that impacts the use of the High Street dock. Mr. Swift will try to get some actual numbers.

New Business – none

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary