

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2011**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2011 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M.

Commission Members Present

R. Brennan
R. Miller
G. Montano
D. Newman
R. Post
A. Waterman

Also Present

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

Not Present

J. Beard
N. Bennett
R. Winters
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2011 were presented. Mr. Waterman made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded. Motion carried unanimously with no changes.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – Mr. Swift has been getting the marina grounds ready for the season.

Mr. Rich Wincapaw, float contractor, is going to try to get the floats in a bit earlier in April this year.

Four people came in to apply for floating dock space within the past several days. If a couple of people come in each week, the empty floats should be filled before the season starts.

Mr. Swift has removed 1/3 of the bubbler system. He is removing all of the bubbler system piping in anticipation of the marina being dredged.

Mr. Devin Santa of Roberge reported to Mr. Swift that the DEP has approved the sampling and testing. The projected costs have come in just under budget. The sampling should be done within the next ten (10) days. If all goes well, dredging might be done Fall 2011. There is some question as to dumping grounds in Long Island Sound. The permit for keeping them open is due to expire this summer. New York is objecting to re-permitting some of the grounds. There has been speculation that if no dredging contractor has been hired by the end of May, new rules would apply to the dredging project.

The marina depth should be manageable for the season.

Mr. Swift suggested that maybe next month discussion should take place regarding raising the commercial vessel slip rates \$500. They are \$3,000 per year now, to perhaps go to \$3,500 per year. Electricity is an extra \$500 above that. Discussion took place regarding electricity metering for each vessel, metering the freezers and what electrical costs are overall per year at present.

PILOT funds and whether they will be renewed for the 2011/2012 year were brought up. It is an unknown at present. Mr. Brennan stated that the last time the State instituted property tax on vessels

there was a mass exodus of vessels being registered in Connecticut. They were documented with the Coast Guard and registered elsewhere.

Money is being transferred from existing budgeted accounts to allow for the purchase of a new tent cover for the patio. It will be about \$1,500 or so.

The pumpout specifications have been sent to Mr. Larry Tomasco in Purchasing for the bidding process. No problems are anticipated. There will be very little change to the existing plumbing and electrical system.

Harbormaster's Report – There is a lot of stuff coming down the river due to the recent flooding. There are expected to be some pretty good tides this weekend so more may be expected.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance - Fund balance as of 02/28/11 was \$ 265,738.64 in savings and \$115,242.56 in checking for a total of \$380,981.20.

Harbor and Mooring – Mr. Post reported that the DEP is looking to double the fees charged for moorings. The bill has not gone to a vote as yet. Also, the DEP is looking to make boating education an online course. This will hurt the local Coast Guard Flotillas and Power Squadrons. The revenue from the course would go to the State as opposed to the groups that run the courses.

Housatonic – no report

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – The CT Maritime Commission will be holding a meeting at DOT headquarters on March 21, 2011 at 10 AM. An agenda for the meeting was passed around for review.

Old Business – There is no update on the pond dredging. The pumpout station was covered in the Director's report. The High Street bulkhead application was submitted to the State DEP. Mr. Lou Torelli of DeCarlo and Doll expects it to be approved next Friday March 25, 2011. The latest CAM report and State application were passed around for review.

New Business – None

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary