

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 19, 2009**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2009 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard  
R. Brennan  
R. Miller  
G. Montano  
A. Waterman

Not Present

N. Bodick  
D. Newman  
R. Post  
R. Winters  
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison  
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Also Present

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

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2009 were presented. Mr. Waterman made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – Mr. Montano has enjoyed being a commissioner and it is with great regret that he must submit his resignation effective June 2009. He suggested that the commission should start looking for another chairman. Mr. Waterman, as chairman of the nominating committee, requested that Mr. Montano stay on until next year at which time new leadership will be nominated and chosen. Mr. Montano will look into that possibility.

Director's Report – Mr. Swift reported that the bubbler system has been taken out. The long dock on the south side of the launch ramp has been put back. The ramp docks will be put back next week with the tide. Some patio blocks have been numbered to be pulled up and repositioned.

The Oyster Festival Committee has committed to placing flower baskets on the bridge again this year.

The marina will need to purchase some items this spring. The life rings on the docks need replacing as well as the fire extinguisher boxes that are faded and cracked.

There are 240 reservations so far for the season, which is a good start. Mr. Waterman wanted to know if we were going to offer the same discounts mid-week this year as we did last year. Mr. Swift replied that we would.

Wayne is progressing slowly with the concession stand for the launch ramp. The water is no problem and he has been to the health department to start that process. He needs to get the electricity up. Mr. Montano reminded Mr. Swift that he has a temporary power panel that he is willing to donate to Wayne. The main problem seems to be with the installation of the pole. It was suggested that maybe Mr. Post could help on this.

Mr. Swift called Rich Wincapaw for an update but has not received a call back. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to get all the floats back on the helixes.

Harbormaster's Report – There are 21 open float spaces. The office has been getting a couple of requests per week. There is space for all sizes. Mr. Beard questioned whether we need to advertise. Mr. Swift replied that we have an ad in Wind Check magazine through April.

Mr. Swift reported that Lor Cubbison has had a problem with his catamaran's mooring. He has been on his mooring since November. The boat broke loose and drifted upriver on February 15. Someone noticed the drifting vessel and managed to get the boat tied up to an anchor. The Coast Guard and the DEP have dealt with him. The DEP removed 6 guns from the boat. Mr. Swift would like him moved back to the area of his mooring if possible. He'll work with him. Stratford has indicated that they would also. He has no propulsion so he'll need to be towed. He'd like to get liability insurance if he can without a survey of the vessel. Part of the problem with the insurance is that he can't get hauled without the liability insurance but he can't get insured without the survey so he needs to be hauled. He would like to renew his mooring space permit but needs the insurance to do so.

Mr. Swift attended the Connecticut Harbor Management Association meeting held Wednesday March 18, 2009 at the Sound School in New Haven. It was mainly the same discussions about Harbormaster authority and DEP vs. DOT

### Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – None

Finance - Fund balance as of 02/28/09 was \$288,570.21 in savings and \$106,055.03 in checking for a total of \$394,625.24. All bills are paid.

Harbor and Mooring – None

Housatonic – Mr. Montano reported that on May 2<sup>nd</sup> there would be a Housatonic River cleanup. They are still looking for donations and volunteers.

Mr. Kammerer, 89 Housatonic Drive, has been tentatively approved by the DEP for repair to an existing seawall and installation of a fixed pier and dock. Mr. Swift will look at the site to see if the commission should comment on this.

Amendments – John Gaucher of the DEP requested 6 copies of the recently published Harbor Plan. He was going to distribute them to various other departments for review and comments. Mr. Beard reported that the state approval process could take up to one year. It was decided when the amendment process was undertaken that the local approval would be done first and then the state because of the length of the process, the local approval being faster.

Correspondence – A Certificate of Permission for the Hatfield dock was received.

Old Business – Mr. Waterman met with John Wicko, architect, on the Hatfield dock application because there was no length on the drawings. Mr. Wicko indicated that there would be no change in the length and the width would be increased by one foot. Mr. Waterman felt that since this item had been discussed during New Business at the February meeting the Harbor Commission should make a comment on it for or against. Mr. Waterman made a motion to support the DEP's decision on the Hatfield application. Mr. Beard seconded. Hearing no questions or further discussion a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

No meeting has been held regarding the Wepawaug Ponds dredging.  
The float system update was given in the Director's Report.

New Business – Mr. Bodick reported that Ms. Bodick took pictures of High Street. These were passed around to the commission. There is an area of undermining on the road. A drainage pipe collapsed about 15' inland on the High Street pier right in front of Milford Boat Works office. This is possibly due to a combination of tides and storms. This concern has been reported to Public Works. Mr. Swift and Mr. Bodick indicated that is new. The fence is also a mess. Mr. Swift suggested that perhaps a couple of stanchions be placed in that area instead of the fence. Mr. Swift will speak to the commercial fishermen about working smarter and perhaps only having one truck at a time loading at the end. He will also get in touch with Public Works.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen - no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas  
Recording Secretary