

Milford Harbor Management Commission Meeting  
March 21, 2013  
Minutes

Chairman Robert Post brought the meeting to order at 7 pm

In attendance:

Beard, James  
Bennett, Nancy  
Brennan, Robert  
Newman, David  
Pacelli, Robert  
Post, Robert  
Waterman, Alan  
Swift, Ray

Absent:

Mario, Carter  
Oliver, Ray  
Kuryla, Bruce  
Bodick, Larry  
Bier, Brian  
Nunno, Robert

No public comments

The minutes from the February meeting were accepted as presented.

Chairman report:

The next meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Post will be out of town, and Vice Chair Waterman is available to run the meeting.

The electrical repairs to Lisman Landing are currently underway. The wiring across the harbor at the launch ramp was inspected and determined to be good, only the switches will need replacing.

Safe Boating Week is May 18 – 24<sup>th</sup>. Power Squadron will be available to conduct vessel safety checks and will distribute posters announcing their availability.

The Windcheck boatshow is scheduled to be at Lisman Landing May 17 – 19, more information below in Director's Report.

Coast Guard just released a survey done 2011 with data about recreational boating in the United States. Chairman Post circulated a copy that he had printed out. If

members care to check it out in more detail please visit <http://www.uscgboating.org>

#### Directors Report:

Some of the mooring floats started going out today, inspections were done last fall. This means they will be in earlier than usual this year.

Boat Show May 17 – 19. Getting some help from the Sea Scouts, hopefully better signage for parking. The insurance requirements have been better met this year. Jim Beard recommended that Ray touch base with the Chamber to keep them informed of the boat show.

We are continuing our advertising in Windcheck although the focus of the ad will change from Seasonal mooring to Lisman Landing as the season progresses.

Scoopy Doo's ice cream shop is opening the third week of April.

Ray will be bringing part-time help back mid-April to help with landscaping and the decking on the docks.

Dredging update: Ray spoke with the City Purchasing Agent last week, it has been determined by the City Attorney that the bonding requirement must remain in place so the bid will be going back out as is. This is unfortunate because in the past the bonding requirement is prohibitive to smaller dredging concerns and may result in much higher quotes for the job. We will have to wait and see what the returns on the bid are. We are in the third year of a three-year permit so it really needs to happen now.

Reservations for moorings are on a par with years past.

#### Harbormaster:

Bruce was not in attendance but Ray reported that Bruce sent out the final reminder for people who have not yet renewed. There are currently 39 moorings open.

Milford Landing: Al reported that Jim Beard, Ray Swift and Al Waterman did an inspection of the patio deck. Some portions are in very poor condition. (It is built over the old settling tanks from the sewer plant and we are unsure of what they were filled with. After discussion it was decided that there would be some digging out of the worst portions and covering with a heavy fabric intended for this purpose and then laying with additional stone dust to lend more structure to the bad areas. We will probably have to rent a backhoe to do some of the work but Ray is confident that he can take care of the labor part.

Solar people are moving equipment to the attic. Communications is being moved to the office, electrical will remain in the basement.

Finance:

Savings: \$266,972.75

Checking: \$99,222.50

Total: \$366,195.25

Harbor and Mooring:

The mooring floats started to be installed today.

Housatonic:

No report

Amendments:

No report

Correspondence:

The Milford Striped Bass Club sponsoring fishing derby on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Donations sought.

Pond dredging:

No report

Marina Dredging:

No report

Jim Beard submitted the following proposal for Boat Ramp Fees

Proposal for fees effective 2014

Existing Fee Structure:

Resident Annual \$30. Proposed increase to \$50.

65 and over Resident \$20. Proposed increase to \$30.

Non Resident Annual \$125. Proposed increase to \$150.

65 and over Non Resident \$100. Proposed increase to \$125.

Daily Resident \$10. Proposed increase to \$15.

Daily Non-resident \$20. Proposed increase to \$25.

Dinghy rate of \$125. to remain untouched.

It's been at least 8 years since there has been an increase and the increase was moved and passed unanimously. The next step is to present this to the Aldermen. The Harbor Plan will need to be adjusted when the Aldermen approve changes.

New Business:

Trumbull Ave. It was asked if this was a City, State or private project. Chairman Post will look into the issue and report back via email.

Stratford:

No report

Alderman:  
No report

Plan and Zoning:  
No report

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bennett  
Secretary