

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 15, 2008**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2008 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present

G. Montano  
J. Beard  
R. Miller  
D. Newman  
A. Waterman  
N. Bodick  
R. Brennan  
R. Post

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director

Not Present

R. Winters  
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meetings of March 20, 2008 and April 17, 2008 were considered. R. Post made a motion to accept. A. Waterman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – Housatonic River cleanup was successful. 250 bags were donated for use. Almost all were filled.

Director's Report – Marina setup is a little behind but is in good shape. College kids are back and working. One paying customer so far.

Events are keeping the marina busy. Several Rotary functions and the Catholic schools duck race were held. Carl Schneider of the Milford Sports Fishermen approached R. Swift for a donation for the Boys & Girls Village fishing day. The commission agreed to a donation of \$50 towards the endeavor.

New brochure for marina and the ad for Captains Guide Magazine were passed around for all to view. Pictures were taken from atop the ladder truck at the launch ramp.

Questionnaires/surveys are being given to the customers of the marina for feedback and suggestions.

R. Brennan asked how many moorings were still open. Paperwork is out on 8 and 14 are unspoken for. R. Brennan asked why the size limit is 42 feet. R. Swift answered that the floats are engineered to that rating. Two 50 foot boats are grandfathered in because they had moorings before the float system went into effect.

Harbormaster's Report – It is official – Ray Swift is the Harbormaster. J. Beard wanted to know what his term is. Term is up June 30, 2011. R. Post wanted to know if there is still a Deputy Harbormaster and if so, is it still L. Bodick. There is still a Deputy Harbormaster. Three applications for that position need to go up to Governor Rell's office because L. Bodick's term expired. He is the default Deputy Harbormaster until a successor is named.

## Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – None

Finance - Fund balance as of 05/05/08 was \$124,056.33 in checking and \$284,774.29 in savings for a total of \$408,830.62. All bills are paid.

Harbor and Mooring – A. Waterman had an idea about filling up the marina during off times in the middle of the week – Sunday through Thursday. Aim towards attracting Milford tax payers for tie-ups for dinner and maybe overnight. ½ price on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis. Discussion held on this regarding specials and office procedures in place. Perhaps a mailbox for self serve registration and payment. R. Swift will come up with and run a special for 3 months and see how it works out.

Housatonic – None

Amendments – R. Post reported meeting of amendment committee. This will be covered under new business.

Correspondence – None

Old Business – J. Beard said that a 3<sup>rd</sup> official meeting on the Wepawaug Ponds dredging was held and is gaining momentum. An engineer is going to be needed. It was agreed to meet monthly. The meeting was also attended by Bruce Kolwicz, Mayor Richetelli and Roman Pomanowski (the Southwest Conservation District chair). The State Departments of Environmental Protection and Transportation were at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Rich Wincapaw wanted to attend tonight's meeting but had other obligations. He left the final proposal on upgrade of Sea-flex. R. Swift explains the limiters and upgrades to R. Post because he missed the last meeting. Upgrades require Board of Aldermen approval since a transfer of money out of harbor commission funds is involved. Total estimated cost is \$163,306.00. The project can be done over 2 seasons. B. Bier, aldermanic liaison, suggested asking for approval for the entire project up front and then proceeding in two stages. A. Waterman felt doing it in stages was a good idea. G. Montano suggested adding money to estimate to cover climbing costs. Discussion ensued on prices. Can prices be locked in for another calendar year? Probably not due to price of metal.

A. Waterman motioned to rework mooring field with new seaflex and limiters via Sterling Marine and transfer \$163,306.00 out of harbor commission fund to cover cost of project with money in an interest bearing account until funds allocated. Deposit of 50% to go towards first phase. R. Miller seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A. Waterman brought up the Milford Harbor Dredging taskforce and funding. Discussion of fees to be charged – per foot vs. per boat. J. Beard said that the only way for fees to be collected is by ordinance. A 5 – 10 year plan is in order. N. Bodick suggested asking for money on a volunteer basis for the first year. R. Miller suggested starting with the transients. More ideas asked for in writing, with R. Swift gathering the responses.

New Business – J. Beard submitted proposed amendments to the harbor plan and city ordinances. Harbor Plan doesn't exactly mirror the ordinances so these changes need to be voted on and published. Plan never got published in 2004 even though amendment changes were voted on and accepted by the harbor commission. The lighter highlighted wording is to be added while the darker highlighted wording needs to be deleted. There was a discussion on how to treat commercial fisherman in Milford Harbor vs. Housatonic River. Plan and ordinances are inconsistent for live-ins – 30 days vs. 3 days. The changes will be presented to the ordinance committee of the Board of Alderman, then to the Board of Alderman and on to the DEP. R. Brennan made a motion to accept the amendments as presented. D. Newman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Harbor is being surveyed by ACOE. Harbor Commission will receive a copy of results.

N. Bodick wanted to know who is responsible for fixing the rust on the pedestrian bridge. R. Swift is working with Public Works on this.

### Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Rose Nickols  
Recording Secretary

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