

Milford Harbor Management Commission
May 15, 2014

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

James Beard
Nancy Bennett
Robert Brennan
John Nevin
David Newman
Ray Oliver
Robert Post, Chairman
Robert Pacelli
Alan Waterman
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Ray Swift, Operations Director

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Brian Bier, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli Board of Alderman

Chairman, R. Post called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Consideration of Minutes of April 17, 2014

J. Nevin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2014 seconded by A. Waterman. N. Bennett corrected the Motion to Close portions of the Patio as follows:

Motion to Close portions of the Patio

Discussion ensued as to the poor condition of portions of the patio, and would like to have R. Swift close off the most hazardous sections, so that no one gets hurt. N. Bennett made a motion to close the hazardous portions of the deck until they are repaired, in the interest of public safety, on the north side of the building. R. Brennan seconded the motion. There was discussion over there being two forms of ingress/egress for the boaters and it would be discussed with Ray perhaps some temporary decking over areas of concern to allow the two means of ingress/egress. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Chairman's Report – R. Post

- R. Post listed several events that would be taking place around the Harbor, Safe Boating Week, DEP putting dye in the River, Earth Day removing invasive plant species from Wilcox Park, 375th fireworks at Harbor, Pirates Day, Blessing of the Fleet, Founders Day.
- R. Post added that State funded Dredging projects have been started or completed around the state. The Milford Power Squadron will be conducting Vessel Safety Checks in June.

Director's Report – R. Swift

- This weekend is first weekend for the new crew. Marina is looking good, the pile driver has reset pilings. Electrician added new box to make connection. Pump out needs to be reconnected.
- Memorial Day they are sold out – good weather should help. Pirates Day they have to secure a boat, layout the placement of the band and area for speeches. Milford 375th, on the weekend of

June 13-14th should impact the harbor with the fireworks and music. June is typically slow so he is reaching out to groups to give a special deal for those weekends to fill the vacancies.

- He has a crew of eight working this year.
- He added in regards to the patio, he would post signs around the patio that the surface is uneven and may be slippery when wet, as well as continue to section off troubled areas in the patio and fix them as best he can as they appear until they can construct a new patio.
- He is working on the capital improvements budget for 2015-2016 for the Harbor and the cost has to be more than \$25,000 and have a useful life of 10 years. The patio would qualify.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kurlya

- He has 2 slips left for larger boats. Eight are on the waiting list but for smaller boats.
- Army Core will do the federal channel starting at the mouth of the harbor, the 10 ft. channel then the 8 ft. channel, sampling and permits, just the parts that need to be done 100% paid for by state, per Joe Salvatore. Federal channels are 100%, municipal is 80/20% and dredging is 50/50%. Core is the lead agency and they will put it out to bid so at least the federal channel will get done. B. Post added that the private marinas and home owners are included; however, they need to pay upfront and apply for the reimbursement. B. Kurlya added that Harbor Commission is lead agency for the private homeowners so they need to get notice out to everyone around the harbor. This will get it done all at once and then keep it on scheduled basis.

Permits – 734 Naugatuck Avenue, Pollution Reduction for Naugatuck Avenue drainage scheduled for winter.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – none

Finance – Savings \$ 267,596.67
Checking \$ 123,429.22
Total \$391,025.89

Harbor & Mooring - none

Housatonic, Amendments- none

Correspondence:

- R. Swift stated he received quotes to repair the patio from Prado Masonry and Landscape and T.A.D. Construction. The cost would be somewhere between \$70,000 -\$100,000. The project would have to be put out to bid and would probably take about three weeks.
- R. Swift gave donation to Trout Derby.

Old Business:

Pond Dredging Update – none

Milford Harbor Federal Channel dredging – *See Harbormaster's Report*

New Business:

Motion to Adjourn

J. Beard made a motion to adjourn seconded by J. Nevin. The meeting closed at 7:50 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder