

MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2010

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2010 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present

N. Bodick
R. Brennan
R. Miller
G. Montano
D. Newman
R. Post

Not Present

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

Also Present

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

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 2010 were presented. Mr. Newman made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – Mr. Montano reported that the Board of Alderman voted to authorize the transfer of funds needed to start the dredging survey and testing process.

Director's Report – Mr. Swift reported that the weather has been nice so the marina has fared well. On Memorial Day weekend, the marina was full Saturday and Sunday and nearly so on that Friday. There were also a large number of boats on the weekend before. The marina had a quiet weekend before this last one which was Pirate Day. The marina had a few boats in both Friday and Saturday nights. 300 – 400 people came down to the marina grounds to greet the arrival of Captain Kidd. There were a number of re-enactors strolling about, sea shanties sung and various other activities. Most everyone went uptown by 11:00 AM. At about 5 PM, there were still people strolling around downtown in costume. There are some reservations for this coming weekend. 14 – 16 boats would be a good weekend at this time of year. Mr. Miller questioned whether we were getting hourly's. Mr. Swift reported that there haven't been many so far. One of the dock attendants said that someone called and inquired about having 8 or so come in this weekend.

The pumpout is working reasonably well – it's getting by. It was tested yesterday by the state and passed. Ms. Bodick reported that Milford Boat Works pumpout was tested as well and passed.

A purchase order has been cut for the survey funds of \$2,980.00. The contract needs to be signed by a representative of the commission. Mr. Montano reviewed and signed the contract. It will be delivered to Roberge.

Mr. Swift passed a copy of a bulkhead application for 83 Carrington Avenue, Milford, CT, to Ms. Bodick for her to share with the commission. Ms. Bodick hadn't seen the application but she is familiar with what happened. Ms. Bodick explained that the tiebacks on Al Hotchkiss' old bulkhead snapped. When they did, it was really loud and could be heard across the harbor. An entire section of bulkhead fell. Lesley Hamel, the late Al Hotchkiss' daughter, now lives in the house and is going through the process of applying for a permit to replace what was there. Ms. Bodick reviewed the application and said that it read just that – the application was for the replacement of what had been there. The application was passed around for review. Ms. Bodick also mentioned that Ms. Lesley Hamel was planning on tearing down the white house on the property and rebuilding it as it was in disrepair. Discussion was held on the costs involved and the location of the bulkhead.

Mr. Brennan made a motion to recommend to the DEP to accept the application by Leslie Hamel, 83 Carrington Drive, Milford, CT 06460 for an expedited application to replace a failed bulkhead. Mr. Post seconded. Motion carried with Mr. Montano abstaining due to prior business dealings with the consultant drawing up the application.

Mr. Swift reported that he has not had any word from Mr. Geoff Steadman regarding the federal channel survey. The request for a survey was based on need. Mr. Rich Wincapaw, helix contractor, reported to Mr. Swift that during his underwater inspections of the sea-flex/helix anchor system in the "A" field nothing significant had changed since last year.

Harbormaster's Report – Mr. Swift put a PVC pipe on a piling off the Allen property to mark it at high tide.

A resident of Ryder Landing, Stratford, CT reported that there were pilings showing at low tide south of the Sikorsky Bridge on the Milford side near the new 55+ condos. Mr. Swift went by boat to the area in question and discovered that it wasn't pilings, nor branches as Mr. Swift had thought but a huge submerged tree. It is too big to cut apart. He will mark it with some floats. It is not in the channel but small craft often use the area.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance - Fund balance as of 05/31/10 was \$265,143.03 in savings and \$65,435.01 in checking for a total of \$330,578.04. All bills are paid. As of 06/17/10, the revenue remains about \$41,000 above the expenses without factoring in the depreciation.

Mr. Swift reported that the mayor's assistant sent him an email in regards to the PILOT funds. Sometime in the fall the state will crunch the numbers and it is anticipated that we will get more than this year.

Harbor and Mooring – Mr. Post wanted to know how many moorings were still available. Ms. Tougas reported that there are 13 total with paper work out on 5 and 8 unspoken for. Mr. Swift said that the size limit is for 43' but if a sailboat up to 50' approached him about a mooring, it might be accommodated.

Housatonic – no report

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – none

Old Business – Mr. Swift reported on the ponds. Richard Conine would like to see the pond behind his business dredged and Frank Matthews would like to see the North Street pond dredged. A group, consisting of Joe Agro, Richard Conine, Frank Matthews, Ray Vitale, Gary Montano, Ray Swift, is getting together to discuss getting it done. The idea is to keep it local and small. Do the ponds one at a time. Funding will need to come from the private sector. Mr. Montano suggested that once a plan is in place, he could propose it to various vendors of his for some grant money. Mr. Post questioned the dredging process. Mr. Swift said it would be the same as dredging the harbor – survey, testing, etc.

New Business – None

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary