

Milford Harbor Management Commission
June 20, 2013

Meeting opened by Bob Post at 7 PM.

Present:

Bennett, Nancy

Post, Bob

Waterman, Al

Swift, Ray Operations Director

Brennan, Bob

Beard, Jim

Bodick, Larry Deputy Harbormaster

Absent:

Newman, Dave

Oliver, Ray

Kuryla, Bruce Harbormaster

Mario, Carter

Pacelli, Bob

Bier, Brian Board of Aldermen

Nunno, Bob Board of Alderman

Minutes: The minutes from the May 16, 2013 meeting were accepted as presented.

Public Comments: None

Chairman's Report:

Next meeting is July 18.

Boat show was well attended and vendors have expressed an interest returning next year. The weather on Sunday was an issue. Ray shared a letter that went out from Windcheck Magazine (the promoter of the boat show) to Sea Scout Ship 721 to accompany the \$600. donation that was given to the ship from Milford Landing for their participation.

Director's Report:

Things are off to a very slow start. The weather on Memorial Day weekend killed the transient business. Pirate Day brought in 9 transients specifically for that event, which is becoming very popular. There was a mid-week landside event planned that had to be cancelled due to the weather but they have rescheduled for later in September.

Property: A lot had been accomplished this spring. Eighteen sheets of plywood were laid under the slate and stone dust on the patio and the result is a surface that is much more stable and much more level. Maintenance of the entire patio will be an ongoing process. Our delivery of mulch arriving next week and now there is the crew on board to handle the spreading of it. Found wiring issue unrelated to our previous electrical issues on the bulkhead, having to do with the pump out. This has been repaired and the pump out is back up and running. Mason has been across the way at the boat ramp, the wall is up, now

the electrician has to come to put breaker box back in. Summer crew is all returning from last year, probably no new hires for this season.

The meeting room is ready for the art show, should be arriving soon. A new leak has become apparent in the meeting room possibly due to the torrential rain and installation of the solar equipment on the roof. It seems to have been a single occurrence. Time will tell.

Harbormaster's Report: none

Report of Standing Committees:

Milford Landing: Nothing to add to Ray's Director report above.

Finance:

Savings Fund:	\$267,107.37
Checking:	\$111,630.32
Total	\$378,737.69

Ray reported that Tom Ivers, City Block Grant coordinator said that there is \$100,000 set aside in a HUD fund earmarked for unmet needs of the Harbor. This is part of a large HUD sum that is intended to meet housing and infrastructure needs. In our case, Unmet needs are described as costs related to flood recovery work not covered by insurance, FEMA or City, and could be used to cover any deductibles or matching funds that we had to pay. We will have to wait to see if there is any money left.

Jim Beard mentioned that the pea gravel walkways that are all along the edge of the marina and down to the bridge could use some work. Ray reported that 9 yards had been put down already and was aware that more is needed.

Jim also mentioned that the sign (which is one-side about Milford Landing and one-side a Chamber of Commerce sign) is looking very sad and needs attention. He reported that he spoke with Kathy Alagno about it.

Harbor and Mooring: Ray reported only about 4 or 5 open spots and there are still some applications out there.

Housatonic: none

Amendments: Before amendments can be made to change the ramp fees, we have to wait for approval from the Board of Aldermen (they will be discussed in the August to September timeframe). Amendments will be made at that time.

Correspondence: See Windcheck letter above. Ray reported that we received a thank you from Milford Striped Bass for donation to Kid's Fishing Derby.

Old Business

Pond Dredging Update - none

Marina Dredging update – moving forward. Ray received the purchase order to get the new soundings; the dredge/sounding board has been installed in order to accomplish the sounding survey. Patriot (the only bidder) is still interested in the job and hopefully the soundings will show that we can scale back the scope of the project to cut the costs as Patriot's bid is much higher than we have budgeted.

New Business: none

Liaisons – Stratford: none

Alderman: none

Planning and Zoning: none

Larry asked again about the lack of signage at the City Dock. Milford Boat Works is experiencing security and trespassing issues with large groups of youth. The gazebo on the City Dock has already been vandalized and one of the youth was injured falling from the roof of the gazebo. Ray reported that signage at the City Dock is not our job and that the police should be involved. Nancy reported that she had written twice to the traffic division and had discussions with the bicycle officer who suggested to her that if there was signage that there would be something to enforce. Ray again said that this is a police issue and that Nancy should attend the Police Commissioner meeting to get it accomplished. Jim recalled that we had put up signs on the City Dock previously regarding fishing in the Federal Channel and damage to boats but could not recall specifics. Bob B. suggested that the boatyard install security cameras directed at the town dock or that Nancy take pictures of the events so that that charges could be pressed. Ray suggested the issue be referred to the Harbormaster.

Jim would like to see an attendance grid with letters sent to members habitually absent. Attendance is important as we have a small commission and a lack of attendance makes it difficult to conduct business when we don't have a quorum or input from everyone. Jim will address this.

Ray heard from Gary Montano that former Director of Operations Dick Hosking had been hospitalized but was home now.

Old business: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bennett
Secretary