

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 16, 2009**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2009 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard
R. Brennan
G. Montano
R. Post
R. Winters

Also Present

Not Present

N. Bodick
R. Miller
D. Newman
A. Waterman
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2009 were presented. Mr. Post made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – The new fiscal year has started. Weekend traffic has been fair so far. This coming weekend (July 17 and 18) will be slow. However, after that the season is looking good with four weekends in a row being either sold out or having a lot of reservations.

Mr. Post asked about moorings open. There are 12 unassigned moorings in the harbor with paperwork out on 5, which leaves 7 open float spaces. The Housatonic mooring field is filled. About 6 % are unsold.

Mr. Swift announced that he will be taking July 26 through July 31 off for a vacation.

A maintenance dredging project application for Milford Harbor Marina, 2 High Street, was passed around to the commissioners. The state would like feedback on it from the commission. Mr. Swift reviewed it and it seems to be ok. Mr. Post questioned the sampling chemicals and numbers. He also questioned where the disposal site would be. Central Long Island Sound would be the disposal site. Mr. Winters wanted to know about dredging Milford Landing. Mr. Swift stated that the dogleg in the marina seems to be better. With each storm some slips gain and others lose depth. Mr. Beard made a motion to accept the Milford Harbor Marina application as presented. Mr. Post seconded. After some discussion regarding chemical percentages in the sampling, the motion was amended. Mr. Beard amended his previous motion to accept the application with the stipulation that the chemical levels in the samples meet DEP guidelines for acceptable levels. Mr. Post seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Harbormaster's Report – Mr. Lor Cubbison was sent a letter by Mr. Swift (see attached). Mr. Cubbison has responded that he will try the approach mentioned in the letter. He has until September 1, 2009. Discussion ensued on whether insurance is required in order to get a driver's license. Is insurance on the person or on the vehicle?

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – None

Finance - Fund balance as of 06/30/09 was \$289,211.12 in savings and \$58,443.15 in checking for a total of \$347,654.27. All bills are paid.

Richard Wincapaw was paid \$42,000, ½ of 2nd installment, at the beginning of June. Mr. Beard would like some assurance that work on the mooring fields was completed to the satisfaction of the Harbor Management Commission and a paper trail to that effect be written up for our files. Mr. Swift will report back in August, after inspecting the work, and have the report recorded in the minutes. A letter will be sent at that time to the Board of Alderman reporting on the satisfactory completion of the project.

Harbor and Mooring – Discussion took place regarding the sand island by the breakwater on the Gulf Beach side.

Housatonic –

Amendments –

Correspondence – A thank you letter regarding the successful Pirate Day was received from the Downtown Merchants Business Association.

Old Business – No meeting has been held regarding the Wepawaug Ponds dredging.

The mooring field retrofit is almost done.

The Naval Academy visit was successful. Milford was the destination for their trip. Mr. Brennan reported that they would like to come back. Mr. Swift stated that there was a steady flow of people coming down to see the boats. The host families are willing to be hosts again. Mr. Post said that their departure under full sail was quite a sight. Mr. Beard made a motion with Mr. Winters seconding to extend an invitation to invite the Naval Academy back. Mr. Beard would like the Board of Alderman to get involved in the naval visit for next year. The above motion was amended by Mr. Beard to have a report given to the Board of Alderman and request that they officially invite the Naval Academy for a visit next summer. Mr. Winters seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business –

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary