

Milford Harbor Management Commission  
July 18, 2013  
Minutes

Chairman Post called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Present:

Bennett, Nancy  
Post, Bob  
Swift, Ray Operations Director  
Brennan, Bob  
Oliver, Ray  
Kuryla, Bruce Harbormaster  
Pacelli, Bob

Excused:

Waterman, Al  
Newman, Dave

Absent:

Beard, Jim  
Bodick, Larry Deputy Harbormaster  
Mario, Carter  
Bier, Brian Board of Aldermen  
Nunno, Bob Board of Aldermen

No public comments

The minutes from the June meeting were accepted as presented.

Chairman's report:

August 15<sup>th</sup> next meeting

Attendance was one of the issues brought up at our last meeting – an email was sent out to all Commissioners and attendance will be monitored. It is important to have good, regular attendance so that we can be sure we have a quorum or we cannot conduct our business.

The issue of signage on the Town Dock that was brought up at the last meeting. Chairman Post was in contact with the mayor who got some of the signs erected. The sign man for the City has been on vacation and there is still some more signage to go up.

Director's report:

There is currently a photographic exhibit throughout the building at Lisman Landing by Carlyne Labrecque consisting of over 30 photographs depicting the workingmen of the harbor. Open to the public.

It's been slow at the marina. Reservations are not coming in with the same regularity and volume as in years past. Nancy Bennett stated that they were experiencing a similar issue at their marina. With severe weather predicted for this weekend it might affect the reservations again. Ads have been placed in periodicals targeting boaters but demand is definitely down.

Property is in good shape – crew doing a good job keeping things watered. Working with public works to block in the windows permanently to avert a similar situation with future flooding. Conduits still need to be filled with foam. Bob Post will bring down a product for Ray to use for this purpose. Across the way the city inspected the electrical work and UI needs to come down and energize. The end result was that it was raised by 4 feet, again to avert a similar situation with future flooding. The patio seems to be holding up well even after a few downpours. Bruce Kolowicz working on getting us some gravel for the walkway along the bank.

Down by the flagpole where it is gravel we are hoping to be able to use oyster shells left over from a planned historical reenactment during the Oyster Festival. There would be no cost for the shell; we would just need to provide the labor to move it. It was noted that the parking lot has been busier this year, most likely due to the opening of Colony Grill.

Harbormaster: Bruce reported that there are only 4 open mooring spaces and 2 dinghy/kayak rack spaces open.

Milford Landing: No further report

Finance:

Checking 131,869.71

Savings 267,151.28

Total 399,020.99

Fiscal year ended June 30<sup>th</sup> but Ray does not have the final report for the year yet.

Harbor and mooring: No further report

Housatonic: Stratford has shared that they plan to raise their mooring fee to \$200. Next year (It is currently \$125.)

Amendments: None

Correspondence: Received a letter of thanks from Sterling Benefits. They come down every year for a cookout and a company picnic.

The City Attorney sent us a copy of a proposal for a commercial scale shellfish aquaculture farm (Charles Island Oyster Farm) to take place on an existing lease

and has asked for our comments. There was a great deal of concern that as proposed, this will involve a large number of buoys that will act as an impediment to navigation and that at low tide, the cages resting on the bottom will reduce the navigable water depth from 4 feet to 2 ½ for a 3.6 acre area. This is a serious concern to navigation and public safety in a heavily used area for boating. Additionally the application was confusing as far as actual area involved (one part of the application referred to 5.2 acres and another 3.6 acres) It is our assumption that DEEP and/or Aquaculture will have to act on this proposal before it is either approved or denied and we look forward to hearing what they have to say about this proposal before making our final comment. The Harbor Commission's main concern is for safe navigation and it is our belief that as proposed, the application will hinder safe navigation.

Pond dredging: No update

Marina Dredging: R. Swift and B. Post met with Roberge, our consultants, two weeks ago and Ray circulated a draft of contract to go to Coastline Consulting. Timeframe for dredging is November – December. The project has been bonded for by the City in the amount of \$250,000. The bid is for \$246,000. We asked that the consultant Roberge proceed with drawing up the contract.

The rock marker buoy and another red buoy need to be positioned at the mouth to keep people from running aground. Harbormaster Kuryla is checking on the possibility of some dredging at badly shoaled areas at the mouth of the harbor. Specifically checking if the Currituck may be available for this purpose.

R. Post will try to find out before our next meeting when our new fee schedule for next year is going to be brought up before the Aldermen.

Alderman: No report

Planning and Zoning: No report

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bennett  
Secretary