

MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2011

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2011 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard
N. Bennett
R. Brennan
G. Montano
D. Newman
R. Post
A. Waterman

Not Present

R. Miller
R. Winters
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2011 were presented. Mr. Waterman made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Post seconded. Motion carried unanimously with no corrections.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – The Milford Rotary Lobster Bake weekend was a success. South Norwalk Boat Club was here this past weekend and took most of the slips. The two (2) weekends in between were slow. Events and holidays are big weekends but the others are very slow. People seem to be choosier about coming if there is no special event.

A comparison of finances shows that revenue is about the same or a little ahead of last year with the bigger weekends carrying the bulk of the revenue.

The pumpout pump and remote are in place, wired and plumbed. It is up and running and there is a noticeable difference in noise level. One needs to walk up to the bulkhead to actually hear it.

The marina and grounds are in good shape.

The Oyster Festival is this weekend.

The National Powerboat Association is sponsoring a poker run at the marina the weekend after Labor Day. There will be 20 to 30 power boats. A Friday night barbeque will be held on the tented patio. A short meeting will be held on Saturday morning and then the boats go line up out in the Sound before starting. A course is set up with stops along the way to pick up a playing card. A circuit of 5 or 6 races is held during the summer and this will be one of them. Since it is the first one to be held at the marina, regular slip fee charges will not apply. A flat rate will be collected from the organizers. Mr. Swift is unsure how it will work out with the weather and noise among other factors. The event is

sanctioned and permitted with the Coast Guard. The city will be covered with their insurance stipulations. There aren't a lot of pre-registrations at these events so it is unknown exactly how many boats will participate until the day of the event.

Last year on the Columbus Day weekend, boats from various clubs in the Housatonic came over. It was a last minute event but had a good showing. An invitation to do the same this year was extended to the clubs.

A permit for public works to do drainage work at the end of Field Court was passed around for review.

DEEP has tentatively approved the movement of 10,000 yards of sand waterward of the high tide mark at Gulf Beach. The paperwork was passed around for review.

The permit for the marina dredging has been approved and the dredging is funded. Mr. Swift reported that NOAA said there had been 7 inches of rain locally from the storm over the past weekend. Most of the runoff from the Wepawaug River came at low tide. There were white water rapids up to the bend of the marina at slip 16. There was a low spot there at the bend that isn't there anymore. The low spot seems to have been pushed further towards Milford Boat Works. Since everything has changed in water depth, the marina may need another survey at the northern end before starting any dredging work. Mr. Swift will speak with Roberge about this. Ms. Bennett reported that some of the silt landed in Milford Boat Works slips. She has lost 6 inches of depth. She also lost a grassy bank due to water pressure from the excessive rain.

The High Street bulkhead project is going forward. They are waiting for the steel.

Harbormaster's Report – There are still 11 vacancies on the harbor floats.

Mr. Ritter, whose mooring float space is in front of Milford Yacht Club, paid \$75 for two weeks of launch service. He has now taken his boat back to New York and is no longer using the mooring space.

Mr. Brennan observed that some transient boaters use the floating docks at the Milford Yacht Club end of the harbor particularly at the beginning and end of the season.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance - Fund balance as of 07/31/11 was \$ 266,073.02 in savings and \$123,567.44 in checking for a total of \$389,640.46.

Harbor and Mooring – no report

Housatonic – Mr. Newman noted that he was at the Caswell Cove boat ramp area and it was a mess with garbage everywhere.

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – An email was passed around from a marina customer giving compliments on the staff and facilities.

Old Business – There is no update on the pond dredging. Mr. Beard stated that soundings were being taken at the pond behind city hall yesterday. Mr. Waterman said they were doing soundings at the upper pond today.

The pumpout station and High Street bulkhead were covered in the Director's report.

The deadline was missed for getting the transfer of funds for a marina truck placed on the Board of Alderman August agenda so it will be on the September agenda. Once it is approved, the truck can be ordered.

New Business – Mr. Beard passed around an article on dredging in Guilford. He noted that they specifically had a dredging fund for this purpose.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary