

MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2011

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2011 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Commission Members Present

N. Bennett
R. Brennan
G. Montano
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Not Present

J. Beard
R. Miller
D. Newman
R. Post
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2011 were presented. Mr. Waterman made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded. Motion carried unanimously with no corrections.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – Mr. Montano noted that the DEEP is issuing numerous COP's for repair due to tropical storm Irene.

Mr. Montano informed the commission that the nominating committee will need to look for a new chairman as he is resigning from the Harbor Commission effective December 31, 2011. The commission thanked him for his time on the commission and wished him well in the future.

Director's Report – The Oyster Festival ran smoothly. The Friday night event was a success as well.

Tropical storm Irene came through the following weekend. While everyone was knee deep in water, there was little damage to the marina to speak of. Mr. Swift feared the cellar would flood – the electrical circuit boxes are there – but it did not. Several days ahead of the storm precautions were taken with everything either raised from the floor on cement blocks or taken into the marina building and placed on tables and counters.

The poker run was held this past weekend. Mr. Swift didn't know what to expect with an event of this type. It was a good day. If it is to be held again next year, more promotion will be done. 16 boats participated on an abbreviated course. Alderman Bier commented that people were still talking about it during the week. Mr. Winters commented that it is a good weekend for it because the Fireman's Muster is usually held the weekend after Labor Day and it has traditionally been a nice day weather-wise.

There is no update on the pond dredging.

The pumpout is up and working well.

Mr. Swift suggested that marina dredging could be skipped this cycle. The permit is good for 3 years and the funding is in place. Mr. Swift went out in the workboat and took soundings at low tide marking his findings on a survey done by Roberge last summer. His findings show that it is back to gravel from the dogleg on down. Mr. Swift thought that another survey would need to be done before dredging since a rainstorm relocated most of the material to be dredged. Ms. Bennett asked that the funding be put into writing so that it doesn't disappear before we are ready to use it. Alderman Bier stated that the bonding had been approved but it doesn't get sold until it is needed. Mr. Swift will speak to the Finance Director about the funding.

The High Street Bulkhead project is moving slowly. They were to begin driving steel on the north side. Milford Boat Works moved several boats in anticipation of this but it is going slower than planned. Ms. Bennett pointed out that Milford Boat Works is losing a 50' slip and there may be potential security issues arising because the bulkhead is going out further than it was drawn on paper. The bulkhead will be directly adjacent to one of the docks. Also, when they place the bulkhead, part of Milford Boat Works earthen bank will be de-stabilized. Ms. Bennett wanted the commission to know that she has sent a letter to Public Works and the Mayor regarding the project and asking them to work with her on these issues.

Funding for a pickup truck for the marina was approved by the Board of Alderman and it has been ordered. Public Works will do the signage on it when it comes in.

Harbormaster's Report – Covered above.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance - Fund balance as of 08/31/11 was \$ 266,140.82 in savings and \$ 89,184.06 in checking for a total of \$ 355,324.88.

Harbor and Mooring – no report

Housatonic – no report

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – none

Old Business – The pond dredging, marina dredging, pumpout station, High Street bulkhead, truck and poker run were covered in the Director's report.

New Business – none

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary