

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 18, 2008**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2008 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present

N. Bodick  
R. Brennan  
R. Miller  
G. Montano  
D. Newman  
R. Winters

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director

Not Present

J. Beard  
R. Post  
A. Waterman  
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster  
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison  
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison  
R. Hatfield, Stratford Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 21, 2008 were presented. Mr. Newman made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – Mr. Swift reported on where we stand financially at this time of year as compared to the past two years. It has been an average year. We are off a bit from 2006 revenue by about \$10,000. 2007 was an exceptional year with cruising group reservations. Expenses are up this year because of \$20,000 extra in insurances. Electricity is up also. Ms. Bodick pointed out that her electrical costs are up as well.

The last piece of information needed for the helix float upgrade bid was received today. It will go out to bid and hopefully the upgrade will be done when the floats are installed next spring.

Mr. Swift checked into the fueling up of vessels by oil trucks. He called the spill division at DEP first and left a message with Nick DiCaprio who gave the message to Matt Williamson. Fueling up by oil truck is not regulated. It is not uncommon and is an acceptable practice. It is no different than home delivery only it's to a boat, either a commercial vessel or private vessel. Among the reasons to do it this way is volume and speed of delivery. Spills ARE regulated. Oil trucks are inspected and personnel must be trained. If the trucks stay in the middle of the High Street pier, then the deliveries are fine. NFTA 30 codes apply to delivery of fuel to storage systems such as gas stations and gas docks. Coast Guard codes apply to large storage tanks such as in New Haven Harbor. The color of the fuel is IRS related and it is up to the delivery person to make sure they are pumping the correct fuel. Marinas are the ones notorious for spills. Oil delivery trucks usually don't generate spills for DEP cleanup.

Caswell Cove permit from DEP was passed around. They will be reconfiguring the marina and doing more dredging in the process.

Mr. Montano stated that it'd be nice to get the launch ramp next to Caswell Cove fixed up in the future so there would be another ramp on the Housatonic River. The state ramp on Naugatuck Avenue will be closed for six (6) years due to I-95 bridge construction. The state ramp will be nicer than it is now when it is finished. The ramp at Laurel Beach at the end of Court Street used to be frequented by duck hunters mostly.

The Board of Alderman meeting on October 6, 2008 will have on their agenda capital improvements to the High Street pier and bulkhead. It was suggested that some commissioners might want to attend to show their support for this.

The Connecticut Marine Trades Association will be having their annual meeting on October 1, 2008. Any commissioners interested please let Mr. Swift know so he can give a count to them ahead of time. The main topic at this meeting will probably be on the pressure washing of vessels and the treatment and disposal of the water. The DEP deadline was changed to October 1, 2009 but the regulations are still up in the air. The deadline change buys some time for compliance.

Harbormaster's Report – Mr. Swift reported that he received a call regarding a dock on the riverbank near Baldwin Station. It's been there close to 1½ years. It is in a pocket in the river that collects everything coming downstream. There is no handy means of removal from this section of the river. The homeowner stated that he and his neighbor might deal with it personally.

Mr. Brennan reported that seven (7) twelve (12) meter boats will be at Milford Yacht Club on Sunday September 28, 2008 for several races in the Sound.

Mr. Swift announced that Valley Yacht Club was sponsoring a lighted boat parade on Saturday September 27, 2008 on the Housatonic River. They will be going from the railroad bridge to Knapp's and back.

#### Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – None

Finance - Fund balance as of 09/01/08 was \$286,456.70 in savings and \$145,840.71 in checking for a total of \$432,297.41. All bills are paid.

Harbor and Mooring – The speed limit/no wake sign has been put back.

Mr. Swift reported that a down line had failed on one of the floating docks. The thimble at the bottom was out of kilter and chafed through one strand and the splice broke. There was no damage to the vessels but they were brought to the marina while waiting for the line to be replaced. The upgrade will eliminate this in the future. A maintenance plan is in place but the question is whether it should be changed. It was suggested that the contractor replace any that show wear that won't be upgraded this year with the ones that are brought up when the upgrade is done since they will not be needed on those floats any longer.

Housatonic – None

Amendments – Mr. Montano reported that Mr. Beard brought the proposed ordinance amendments to the City Attorney this past week.

Correspondence – Mr. Swift reported that two (2) thank you notes have been received from the Milford Oyster Festival Committee.

Old Business – No meeting has been held regarding the Wepawaug Ponds dredging. Mooring float upgrade status reported under Director's report.

New Business – Ms. Bodick suggested a Harbor Commission meeting time change from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM. There was some discussion on what everyone thought of this idea and whether to do this for just the winter months or year-round. Ms. Bodick made a motion to change the Harbor Commission meeting times from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM year-round. Mr. Newman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas  
Recording Secretary