

## **Milford Harbor Management Commission**

October 18, 2018

### **Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:**

Robert Brennan, Chairman  
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Bennett, Secretary  
James Beard  
Joseph Gilbert  
Raymond Kirmaier  
Dora Kubek  
Robert Pacelli  
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster  
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

Also present:

Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman

### **Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:**

John Nevin  
Ray Swift, Operations Director  
Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman

R. Brennan, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2018**

J. Beard made a motion to approve the minutes of September 20, 2018 seconded by R. Oliver and carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments:**

*Julie Nash, Community Development, Michael Lynch of the Economic Development Commission introduced John Davis owner of Tiki Boat Tours located in Stamford, CT. J. Nash explained that she reached out to Mr. Davis to see if he would be interested in bringing his tours to Milford Harbor. Mr. Davis explained that his platform boat is 16'x16' on 55 gallon drums and holds 6 passengers which take a 1 hour tour. He requires a boat slip and a launching area to pick up his passengers. All reservations are made and paid for online and a simple sign he has to direct passengers to pickup area. The Commission recommended the boat launch across might be best pickup point and there is parking available and a commercial boat slip or mooring may be used. R. Oliver suggested that he meet with Ray Swift and Bruce Kurlya to go over his plan.*

### **Chairman's Report—R. Brennan**

- R. Brennan and B. Kurlya met with Dave Carey of Aquaculture regarding the damage to several moorings in the Housatonic as the result of Oyster harvesting. He explained that letters will be going out to license holders to stay of that area, send diagrams of locations of the helixes along with a list of things not to do in that area. If more damage occurs they will close down the area to shellfishing. J. Gilbert was opposed to shutting down the area because of a few careless companies.

- Regarding Shellfish Commission, Dave also mentioned in some other towns Shellfish Commissions pay a fee per bushel and also turn in shell. Discussion ensued. R. Oliver provided a page from the East Lyme Shellfish Commission Management Plan which he feels is very comprehensive and provided full copy for anyone to read. Discussion ensued regarding other towns joining and Stratford Shellfish Commission sharing the resources of the Housatonic River with Milford. B. Kurlya added D. Carey mentioned that UCONN has a cultivation and management plan outline model that we can use.

**Director's Report – B. Kurlya for R. Swift**

- Re-decking is almost complete and looks great on the west side. The ramp side will be next.

**Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya**

- 10-12 spots already booked for next year.

**Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henchman**

- 3 people already booked in the mooring field which means he will probably be sold out next year.
- All boat out of water
- Cashman did not respond to him regarding damage caused by dredging. He will let the individual owners contact him

**Permit Reviews – R. Brennan**

- Certificate of Permission – applicant is the City of Milford Public Works for the Bayview Beach Drainage Improvements to fix the existing outfalls.

**Report of Standing Committees**

Milford Landing–None

Finance– R. Swift –None

Nominating Committee –None

Harbor & Mooring - None

Housatonic – None

Amendments - None

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:**

Channel Dredging– B. Kurlya – Sampling is complete, now may need help from our Senators

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – None

Shellfishing - See Chairman's Report

**New Business:**

- *Prospect Street Views along the Housatonic. J. Beard suggested that Public Works clear out the Prospect Street bridge area as it was a nice vista of the Harbor but can no longer be viewed from that Area.*

**Liaisons-Stratford** – None

**Alderman**–None

**Planning & Zoning - *None***

**Motion to Adjourn**

R. Oliver made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm seconded by D. Kubek and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:05 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes  
Recorder