

## **Milford Harbor Management Commission**

November 21, 2013

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

Nancy Bennett  
Robert Brennan  
David Newman  
John Nevin  
Robert Post, Chairman  
Alan Waterman  
Ray Swift, Operations Director  
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster

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

James Beard  
Ray Oliver  
Robert Pacelli  
Larry Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster  
Nick Veccharelli Board of Alderman  
Brian Bier, Board of Alderman

Robert Post, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

### **Consideration of Minutes of October 21, 2013**

A. Waterman made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2013 seconded by R. Brennan. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** *None*

### **Chairman's Report – Robert Post**

- Next meeting is December 19, 2013.
- Nick Veccharelli is the Board of Alderman Liaison replacing Bob Nunno.
- Dredging is complete. R. Swift will cover in his report.
- Boat Ramp Fee Increase – This will be on the December 2, 2013 Board of Alderman Agenda. He requested that all members attend.
- Boat Ramp Power –It appears that Albright has completed the work. They put a splice in the cable and put the meter outside, however, the inspector has to sign off, UI has approved the splice but needs a release to energize.
- Duck Pond Walks – Steve Johnson gave informative walks with about 25-30 people attending and he suggested the Board support him as he applies for funding.
- Charles Island Oyster Farm – met with City Attorney and was informed that to stop the project we have to file an appeal. They already started to put out cages. Board reviewed map for locations of the beds expressing concern about how to proceed going forward should others seek a lease and permit and possibly to locate some of these in navigable water. R. Swift explained the cages are stacked and down for up to 9 month before harvest.

### **Director's Report – Ray Swift**

- Dredging is complete the finger piles were pulled out at no charge however they need to be reinstalled by us. A good job was done for which he supplied a summary from Roberge detailing the project and the billing estimate from Coastline. The project came in under budget and the

marina is in good shape for a few years. Marina will be put back together and he will keep Dick Carlson and Kyle Trapp there thru next Wednesday.

- Silver Sands House Raising – he explained that when people are raising home he gets noticed, and he received three of them. He added that 2 Bayshore Dr. received letter of non-compliance for work on a bulk head without permit.

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

- Sampling Plan – received on November 5, 2013. As soon as the samples come back he will break out the project into two separate permits so they could take advantage of the Currituck coming up the coast and completing the minor portion first and then work on the other permit for the whole 10' channel. A discharge site depends on the Vessel type (Currituck or Murden) and still needs to be approved by DEEP. The Murden is capable of working in waters as shallow as 5 feet. The split hull configuration allows for spoils discharge in shallow water as the spoils dump between the hulls, instead of underneath. R. Swift asked how this will be paid for which B. Kurlya responded the Conn. DOT would fund 80% and Milford fund 20%. R. Swift offered to speak with the Finance Director about possibly using the excess funds from the Marina dredging project.
- There is a waiting list for 2014. R. Swift suggested that maybe the renewals should go out earlier in the year.

#### **Report of Standing Committees**

Milford Landing – A. Waterman asked if the pilings could be replaced with longer pilings since they have to be reinstalled. B. Kurlya added that perhaps every other one. R. Swift added cannot be done without cash outlay and offered to find out cost as well as R. Post offering to find cost as well.

##### Finance

Savings: \$ 267,331.40

Checking: \$ 93,785.12

Total: \$ 361,116.52

Harbor & Mooring - none

Housatonic, Amendments- none

#### **Correspondence:**

#### **Old Business**

*Pond Dredging Update* – none

*Marina Dredging Update* – Director's report

*Proposed Boat Ramp Fee Increase* – Chairman's report

*Milford Harbor Federal Channel dredging*- Harbormaster Report

#### **New Business -**

**13 Sailor Lane** - Megan Raymond speaking for the Permitting Agent John B. Lust and owner David Peterson. They are proposing a new wooden pier 176'x4, ramp 3'x22' and float with dock 5'x20' on the property extending into the marsh. She submitted a plan consisting of 6 pages and explained the permit she sought. She explained that after approval from this board they would proceed to DEEP for a permit. Discussion ensued and the Board suggested that the ramp be shortened by approx. 6 ft. citing adjacent structures do not extend out as far into the channel. D. Newman made a motion to approve and J. Nevin seconded. A. Waterman, R. Brennan and R. Post opposed the motion and recommended that the pier be

reduced in length so that the placement of the pier and float is consistent with that of adjacent piers, this will provide a uniform channel line setback. A field review will take place on 11-24-13.

**Motion to Adjourn**

A. Waterman made a motion to adjourn seconded by J. Nevin. The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes  
Recorder