

Milford Harbor Management Commission
January 20, 2022

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Jim Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Richard Preneta
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
James Donegan, Operations Director
Gregory Harla, Board of Aldermen

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen

Chairman Brennan called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of December 9, 2021

A motion was made by R. Kirmaier and seconded by J. Beard to approve the minutes of December 9, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Milford Rotary Lobster Bake – Tad Smith and Robert Bulgar presented their request to have the event in the Parking Lot at Milford Landing explaining that they will cut the event in half. The event occurs from 3:30 to 7 PM. They did look into other locations in Milford, however, gravel ground for the cookpots. The date requested, Saturday, July 23, however may conflict with the Charles Island Music Festival. The concerns of the Commission & the Director were the impact to the Landing and other boaters and conflict with another event. It was noted that they raise all the money for charity. Much discussion occurred with the commission requesting they provide a site plan and a firm date for the event.

Chairman's Report: Robert Brennan

- Landing Improvements will be covered by J. Donegan and B. Kuryla will cover the dredging

Directors Report: James Donegan

- Marina reservations started at midnight New Year's Day and looking to be a great start with 476 reservations to date. There is a waiting list with all the major summer events sold out.
- Dingy and kayak racks reservations have been consolidated and will all be booked through Dockwa so this should reduce the record keeping and streamline the process allowing for payment processing.
- Walkway & patio project is wrapping up, however, area is roped off till they install the handrails. Should be ready for Spring.
- G. Harla asked about the Dinghy/Kayak rack construction and other improvements at the ramp for which J. Donegan explained will go out to bid, so have to get Specifications ready.
- Bubbler system in and running air pumps by docks and circulators running because of lower temps.
- Next week will meet with the Mayor, Police and Fire meeting with Charles Island Musicfest Organizers and the date is July 23rd. Nothing official yet but they need a safety plan and Coast Guard Permits and perhaps mutual aid from Bridgeport and Stratford.

Harbormaster Report: Bruce Kuryla

- Wednesday, Army Corps awarded \$63 million to New Haven Harbor and found that our project is included in that funding. We will need to secure DEEP Permits and the LI Central Center will be the dumping site. Realistic date is next year due to having to move all the helix's and he will inquire if the private dock owners can piggyback on this project. He added that the Army Corps have been out sampling 3 times already.

Deputy Harbormaster Report: Lee Henschman

- There are 4 people on the waiting list for a mooring.

Permit Reviews:

City of Milford – Gulf Street Bridge to construct a public fishing platform and perform necessary maintenance to the bridge abutment, adjacent retaining walls and riprap at the project site. After review of the project, J. Nevin made a motion to table it with J. Gilbert seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously. J. Gilbert & R. Brennan will contact the Public Works Director and the Mayor to discuss the proposal.

City of Milford – 0 Seaview Avenue Stormwater outfall replacement at the end of Sixth Avenue. J. Nevin made a motion to approve with N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously. R. Brennan will sign it.

Report of Standing Committees:

Lisman Landing: - None

Finance: James Donegan – Monthly financials were discussed.

Checking: \$ 115,051.51
Savings: \$ 271,296.24
Total: \$ 386,347.25

Nominating: None

Harbor and Mooring: R. Brennan appointed Richard Preneta to this Committee to replace Robert Pacelli.

Housatonic: R. Kirmaier- work on the Bridge over the Housatonic and expected affects to Mariners. Will Send information to Secretary Hayes.

Amendments: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

20 Rogers Avenue – R. Brennan explained nothing has been filed with Planning & Zoning. Kevin Zawoy from DEEP notes that gravel has been added and has spilled into the wetlands area so they are aware of it.

Channel and Dredging- B. Kurlya – See Harbormaster’s Report

Port Authority and SHIPS GRANT: B. Kuryla – They are only interested in Large Harbors not the smaller harbors I

Shell fishing: R. Oliver – Reached out to Dave Carey regarding the University of CT study on natural oyster beds and should be completed late winter. Some funds for highly distressed areas will be available, however, no details yet.

Memorial Plaques - J. Donegan – He will try to incorporate it into the patio project.

New Projects: *None*

New Business: Ponds – J. Beard explained that much of the debris in the upper ponds ends up at the harbor. He would like to implement efforts to pressure the dredging and cleaning of the upper ponds to diminish the impact on the Marina. Discussion ensued regarding storm impacts from this past year alone. J. Beard suggested it be put under the Capital improvement Plan in the Budget.

Liaisons: Stratford- *None*

Alderman – G. Harla welcomed Richard Preneta to the Commission along with the other members.

Adjourn:

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm seconded by J. Beard. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes
Recorder

