

Milford Harbor Management Commission

January 21, 2021

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman

Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman

Nancy Bennett, Secretary

James Beard

Joseph Gilbert

Raymond Kirmaier

Dora Kubek

John Nevin

Robert Pacelli

Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster

Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

James Donegan, Operations Director

Also present:

Gregory Harla, Board of Alderman

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2020

D. Kubek made a motion to approve the December 10, 2020 minutes with R. Oliver seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- Congratulations to Nancy, Jim and Dora for their reappointments to the Harbor Commission.
- An Executive Session will be added to the Agenda to discuss the leases.

Director's Report – James Donegan

- Dockwa is up and running as of midnight January 1st. There were over 100 reservations to be confirmed and assigned. Dockwa requires a response within 48 hours so he spent some time on New Years Day to assure this was done. To date they now have 300 nights of docking booked. There is a one night deposit required and as always Memorial Day, Oyster Festival and Fire Works fill up first. They can also run special deals and advertise to drum up business when there are openings. J. Nevin asked about refunds with Dockwa for which Mr. Donegan explained there is a 24 hour notice required for a refund.
- Security Cameras have been installed.
- The transfer for the mooring field and the memorial garden is on the Board of Alderman agenda for February.
- Dredging at 20 Rogers Avenue by Patriot damaged a seaflex and Stirling Marine did an inspection and Patriot will take care of paying for the repairs.

- The informational Kiosk located to the back of the Boat Ramp lot needs to be moved forward closer to the ramp in the sandy area. He has offered the project to the Eagle Scouts. The use is for information boating, kayaking items, DEEP information, and rates. It will make it more usable in this location.
- Pump out facility while winterized now, had been repaired with new PVC piping and when DEEP came out to inspect it, the pump worked fine.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kurlya

- Meeting with Rosa DeLauro's staff regarding the status of the dredging.

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henschman

- Fifty- eight (58) renewals were dropped off for mailing and are due back February 1st, a little bit of shifting and will try to fill all available.

Permit Reviews – R. Brennan

- 20 Rogers Avenue – R. Oliver explained that the subcommittee met a couple of times and put together the provisions of the State, the Milford Zoning Regulations and Harbor Plan. He recapped approvals on the property and J. Donegan put together a draft response that was sent to members to look over. R. Oliver added a few changes and J. Donegan will revise the response letter adding J. Gaucher, J. Griffith and whoever else should be notified be carbon copied. The review by the subcommittee found that the plan is not consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

R. Oliver made a motion that the proposed plan for 20 Rogers Avenue as submitted is not consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. N. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of Standing Committees

Lisman Landing (Ray Oliver, John Nevin)– *None*

Finance (Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett) – James Donegan

Checking \$ 56,073.09

Savings \$ 271,025.08

Total \$ 327,098.17

Nominating Committee (James Beard, Ray Oliver)– *None*

Harbor & Mooring (Robert Pacelli, Bob Brennan) - *None*

Housatonic (Raymond Kirmaier, Dora Kubek) – *None*

Amendments (James Beard, Ray Oliver) - *None*

Correspondence: *None*

Old Business:

Channel and Anchorage Dredging – *See Harbormaster's Report*

Ct. Port Authority – SHIPPS Grant – B. Kuryla – No bonding available at this time.

Shellfishing - *None*

Submarine – *None*

Leases - Executive Session

R. Oliver made a motion to add Executive Session to the Agenda to discuss the leases. N. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. Bennett made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30pm with R. Oliver seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The following Commission Members were included Chairman R. Brennan, Vice Chairman R. Oliver, Secretary N. Bennett, J. Beard, J. Gilbert, J. Nevin, R. Pacelli along with Director J. Donegan, Harbormaster B. Kuryla.

J. Nevin made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:55pm with N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. Bennett made a motion to approve to proceed with the new lease for Sccopy Doos based on the discussion in Executive Session. J. Nevin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. Bennett made a motion to approve to proceed with the new lease for Gulf Beach based on the discussion in Executive Session. J. Gilbert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Memorial Plaques – J. Donegan explained that as soon as the funds are transferred he will get the Purchase Ordering going.

New Business:

Liaisons-Stratford – None

Alderman– None

Planning & Zoning - None

Motion to Adjourn.

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm seconded by R. Oliver and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:59 pm.

Beverly Hayes

Recorder