

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2011**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2011 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present

N. Bennett
R. Brennan
R. Miller
G. Montano
D. Newman
R. Post
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster

Not Present

J. Beard
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison
R. Nunno, Alderman Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2011 were presented. Ms. Bennett made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Waterman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – The commission was wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chairman's Report – Mr. Montano thanked the commission for allowing him to serve.

Director's Report – Mr. Swift thanked Mr. Montano for the time, effort and contributions he has made to the harbor commission.

The bubbler system is being put in.

Mr. Swift thanked the commission for the recommendation to the Connecticut Harbor Management Association for the storm preparation award. Many phone calls were made ahead of Tropical Storm Irene to make sure mooring holders took precautions. Every vessel that remained on a floating dock had been attended to with extra lines. Milford Harbor was very lucky in regards to the storm. Other harbors did not fare as well. Mr. Montano questioned how the mouth of the harbor made out with all the runoff, wave action, etc. It seems to be okay with no sandbars showing up as yet.

A permit from CT DEEP has been issued to Mr. Bruce Kolwicz, Public Works Director for the City of Milford, for the city to relocate approximately 10,000 cubic yards of beach sand from below the high tide line on Gulf Beach. Mr. Mike Ludwig and Mr. Bruce Kolwicz were instrumental in pushing for the work to be done. Ms. Bennett questioned how many years the permit was good for and recommended keeping an eye on that date so that any extensions may be applied for without going through the full permitting process. Mr. Winters questioned how Mr. Kolwicz planned on doing the work. Mr. Swift said that it would probably be done from the shore using heavy machinery at low tide to push the sand up onto the beach. Discussion took place on when work was last done below the high tide line.

Mr. Scott Wetzel, 275 Housatonic Drive, received his CT DEEP permit to install a homeowner's dock.

The permits were passed around for review. No action needs to be taken on the commission's part.

Harbormaster's Report – Mr. Swift stated that the long floating dock on the southeastern side of the harbor is in need of replacement. The section under the ramp and one or two floats beyond the ramp are newer and don't need replacement at this time. The last 200' of dock space is 30 – 40 years old. Some of it has been re-decked. The lumber for framing has been purchased and is on the premises. Mr. Swift contacted MERCO for a quote on galvanized hardware and 4 flotation tubs per dock. The cost would be \$9,611.00. The decking still needs to be quoted. Last year Mr. Swift received a quote for 2' x 10' x 12' pressure treated wood to deck 8 docks of 6' x 24' length in the amount of \$2,300.00 without shipping, which would probably be about \$2,800.00 with shipping. Mr. Montano questioned whether it would be feasible to add PVC conduit so that water and/or electricity may be added at a later date. Discussion was held as to how much to request from the Board of Alderman. Mr. Swift thought everything could be accomplished for \$16,000.00.

Mr. Waterman, with Mr. Brennan seconding, made a motion to withdraw \$16,000.00 from the harbor fund for renovations/repairs to the southeastern transient docks. Motion carried unanimously.

Reservations for the marina should start coming in on January 1st.

Several years ago WindCheck magazine took over a boat show running at Mystic Seaport. The issue with that particular site is that Seaport admission was being charged to gain access to the boat show whether or not visitors went to the Seaport as well. Mr. Swift was approached to have the boat show held at the marina. The weekend before Memorial Day has been chosen. There will be forty (40) boats, all for sale, and some vendors. No admission will be charged and no alcohol. City site permitting requirements will be fulfilled. The vessel charge will be \$3.00/foot for the weekend. WindCheck will run it – advertising, set up, etc. Wilde Yacht Sales will be involved which may gain some interest from boaters to the east who typically don't travel to the west when taking a trip. Mr. Swift will keep the commission posted on this event.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – Mr. Waterman said that it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Montano.

Finance - Fund balance as of 11/30/11 was \$ 266,306.76 in savings and \$ 102,000.76 in checking for a total of \$ 368,307.52.

Harbor and Mooring – Mr. Post congratulated Mr. Swift on his award from CHMA. He also thanked Mr. Montano for his dedication.

Housatonic – Mr. Post mentioned that there will be a major traffic shift coming up on the I-95 bridge. Trucks will be limited to the right hand lane only while work is going on.

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – Christmas cards have been coming in.

Old Business – There have been no further meetings on the pond dredging. Mr. Post mentioned seeing someone taking soundings/samplings from a rowboat several weeks ago.

Mr. Swift had a budget meeting with Mayor Blake at which time the marina dredging was also discussed. Mayor Blake was made aware that the commission has put off dredging until next year.

Mr. Bodick and Ms. Bennett said that work on the High Street bulkhead is going forward.

New Business – Dock hardware was discussed in the Harbormaster's Report.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary