

MINUTES

Milford Harbor Management Commission, 15 February 2024, 7:00 P.M., Lisman Landing

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman

Nancy Bennett, Secretary

Jim Beard

Joseph Gilbert

Raymond Kirmaier

Dora Kubek

Richard Preneta

James Donegan, Harbormaster

Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent: Dylan Mark, John Nevin

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting of 18 January 2024

A motion by Mr. Beard, seconded by Ms. Kubek to accept, as corrected, the minutes of 18 January 2024 meeting passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

Chairman's Report : R. Brennan

Chairman Brennan said a meeting would be scheduled on dredging the northern portion of the harbor. He said the planned location for the placement of plaques on the concrete base under the flag was not feasible due to the patio being prone to sinkholes. He said the commission is seeking suggestions for another location or something other than engraved stone. He said one idea might be large plaques with names, positions and years served. He revisited the problem of the submarine rusting through and needing a cover and wondered if the 2 projects could be combined. He noted that there had already been holes drilled in the bottom of the sub to allow water to drain out, but the bottom is still rusting out. Mr. Henchman suggested a structure near the building for the plaques. Ms. Kubek referenced the bricks used by the American Legion on the outside of their building as an alternative.

Director's Report/ Harbormaster Report: J. Donegan

Mr. Donegan reported that mooring contractor had started reinstalling them today. He said the last pieces from Hazlett are arriving. He discussed the implications for the docks and noted that he is monitoring weather so as not to allow them to become iced in. He said marina reservations began to be accepted on 2/5 and were running about 30% ahead of 2023 levels as of 2/15. He said there has been a lag on mooring, kayak, and dinghy contract renewals despite weekly email reminders. He noted 30 harbor contracts with no response as well as 11 out of 56 Housatonic contracts. He said the harbor waitlist has 50 boats and, as previous contract holders were advised, after 2/16, if they do not provide a response, spaces could be reassigned.

Deputy Harbormaster Report: L. Henchman

Mr. Henchman noted no changes from last month.

Report of Standing Committees

Lisman Landing (Dylan Mark, John Nevin): **None**

Finance (Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett): **Pending**

Checking \$

Savings \$

Total \$

Nominating Committee (James Beard, Nancy Bennett) **None**

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Harbor & Mooring (Richard Preneta, Bob Brennan) **Mr. Brennan** said Mr. Donegan has been diligently managing all deliverables. Discussion ensued on installation details.

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

Amendments (James Beard, Joseph Gilbert) **None**

Shell Fishing (Robert Brennan, Joseph Gilbert, Ray Kirmaier) **None**

Correspondence: None.

Old Business

Ct. Port Authority – SHIPPS Grant: Mr. Donegan advised that the idea of combining airport and port authorities is gaining momentum with a vote to come.

Memorial Plaque: Previously discussed.

New Business: Mr. Brennan advised that a response, including a cost estimate, is awaited from the consultant, Mr. Steadman, to review the current harbor management plan and provide recommendations.

Mr. Henchman advised that he is diligently folding the information flyers he created for distribution.

Liaisons –None was present.

Adjournment was at 7:33 pm.

Attest: M.E. Greene, recording sec'y

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