

Milford Harbor Management Commission

March 15, 2018

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Joseph Gilbert
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Nancy Bennett, Secretary
James Beard
Robert Pacelli
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 15, 2018

D. Kubek made a motion to approve the minutes of 2/15/2018 seconded by R. Kirmaier and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Keith Knowlton, new Manager at the Port Milford Marina introduced himself and offered the Commission assistance and invited the members to stop by.

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- Upper Duck Pond, Town Hall Pond dredging, making progress, however, not sure where the soils are being dumped.
- Ray Swift not feeling well but wanted to let Commission know that Dockwa will not be used for reservations as they wanted to use their own payment vendor and Finance is not compatible with them.
- Budget - Board of Alderman meeting, April 9, 2018 at 7 pm at City Hall if anyone would like to attend.
- B. Kurlya - Community Development wants to get tours of the harbor so Tiki Tours is coming to make presentation Wednesday, March 21st at 1:00 pm. He recommended going to the Tiki Tours website, they are floats about size of room with outboard, they do tours of the Harbor.

Director's Report – R. Swift

- See Chairman's Report

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya

- Returns are coming in, half of decals were mailed out to those with completed paperwork.
- Bids for decking – meeting with Purchasing Agent to get bids out and schedule Pre-Bid meeting. Funds not received yet.
- Army Corps requested information on number of boats and slips – sent the information out Friday. J. Gilbert stated that there should be a shellfish resource assessment done before any dredging. B. Kurlya responded that the Army Corps handles the project and does it. J. Gilbert referenced the loss as the result of the Housatonic Dredging.

Deputy Harbormaster's Report – L. Henchman

Permit Reviews

- Devon Power Plant - Repair
- 167 Morningside Drive – Revetment
- Gulf Street/Welches Point Road – Revetment

R. Kirmaier made a motion to approve the three permits with J. Nevin seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing–None

Finance– R. Swift- None

Nominating Committee –None

Harbor & Mooring - B. Kurlya – Contractor is starting to put the floats out

Housatonic – L. Henchman- None

Amendments - None

Correspondence:

- Invite to Industry Day, Connecticut Marine Trade – March 22nd at Old Saybrook Point Inn stating at 1:00 pm.

Old Business:

Pond dredging update–Upper Duck Pond, Town Hall Pond dredging, making progress,

Housatonic River Dredging – Done

Channel Dredging– Army Corps requested information and sent out by B. Kurlya

Ct. Port Authority – SHIPPS Grant – None

Shellfishing

- R. Oliver explained the committee has gathered the regulations, legislation and neighboring shellfish commission regulations. He explained that R. Pacelli is putting the wording together that would create an independent shellfish commission or a commission under the auspices of the Harbor Commission.
- J. Gilbert requested that as we move forward, the commission should reach out to stakeholders within the town. B. Brennan suggested perhaps Jim Amann, lobbyist for the Shellfish Industry may offer some insight. J. Nevin mentioned State Aquaculture may have a list. Property owners along Gulf Pond. J. Gilbert added that the recommendation from this Commission to the Board of Aldermen did not include the stakeholders, industry members.

New Business:None

Liaisons-Stratford – *None*

Alderman–*None*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

D. Kubek made a motion to adjourn at 7:22pm seconded by J. Nevin and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:22pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder