

Milford Harbor Management Commission
April 15, 2021

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

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

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

James Beard

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of March 18, 2021

A motion was made by R. Oliver and seconded by R. Kirmaier to approve the minutes as presented.
Passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Gregory Harla, 2 Anchorage Drive, Alderman 5th District explained that he wanted to go on record in support of Jeff Laydon's application at 20 Rogers Avenue. He toured the property and think this will be great for the harbor.

KC Cooke, 77 Thompson Street, supports Jeff Laydon's application at 20 Rogers Avenue. He is also here because he is interested in becoming a member of the Commission. He also requested the Covid guideline's for the Landing which J. Donegan offered to send him if he contacts him.

Chairman's Report:

- Mayor's Office informed him they will be using the ZOOM format for meetings until further notice.
- Two Eagle Scout Projects which Director will cover in his report
- Italian Ice replacing the Subway Store on corner downtown

Directors Report: *James Donegan*

- Leases – Scoopy Doo's lease is signed by both the owner and the Mayor; Gulf Beach Lease has been verbally accepted but not signed as of now
- Marina and grounds are being spruced up

- Boat Ramp project going well and on schedule for May 1st finish, adding steel post for the sail shade at the end, there is parking and boat storage and the utilities are underground.
- Eagle projects at the Boat Ramp are the Informational Kiosk being spruced up and information regarding harbor, boating and classes, etc. they are also adding small boat storage racks and there are already 10 people on the list with the Eagle scouts helping to build the racks.
- Walnut Beach is getting small boat storage for paddle boards and kayaks and will be placed next to the Fire Department container and space will be rented. Public Works is going to help building the racks.
- Solar on the building – had conversation with UI and very small system only generating about 5,000 KW a year so will not see rebate or credit as anything it makes is getting used by the building. The system is 10 years old already.
- Seasonal employees are returning and he will add some new younger students as many of the summer staff is graduating college and moving on.
- Summer reservations coming and already 450 confirmed reservations and now pushing 500. Filling up mid-week with Yacht clubs and other groups
- Memorial plaques original engraver no longer doing it so contacted Milford Monument with similar cost and they are ready to go but the hold up is now the Stone Mason who says we are the list for the work. If that falls through, he will look to get more pricing.
- DOCKWA is fabulous system for the reservations and cancellations. He summarized how the system works.

Harbormaster Report: *Bruce Kuryla*

- 10 Openings in the mooring field and following up on those unpaid.
- The SHIPPS grant has not been funded for projects in 2 years now.

Deputy Harbormaster Report: None

Permit Reviews:

20 Rogers Avenue – Joseph Wren, Professional Engineer, representing Jeffrey Laydon with 20 Rogers Avenue property. He explained that he submitted an LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form to DEEP along with Mayor, and local agencies. They were informed that a Harbor Commission sub-committee was being formed to review the application in January. He requested to present to the sub-committee and then received a letter that the plan was inconsistent with the Milford Harbor Management Plan. He would like to present the application to the Commission. He referred to his application Attachment 7: Executive Summary along with displaying the property and a presentation of the scope of work requested in the application to repair a bulkhead, noting that the dredging has already occurred. He explained this is not a commercial marina and there is no boat storage that will take place and would like to restore the structural integrity of the bulkhead. There is a 2017 permit in place from DEEP which will be forwarded to the Commission. There is also an earlier 2003 DEEP Permit as well and they will forward that as well if Mr. Laydon can find it per R. Brennan request. There were also photos that the Commission be forwarded to them. Discussion ensued. R. Oliver expressed concerns over the proposed grade from 4.5 ft. in some areas to the 9 ft. proposed and the fill as well as the application not being very clear. He added that the Planning & Zoning Board has not received his CAMSPR application. N. Bennett would like to see something in writing that this will remain residential use and not commercial to alleviate the concerns of the neighbors and that a tour would help to better understand the application. Mr. Laydon spoke briefly that this property will remain residential as his family home and yes there are 8

boat slips but these will be used for friends who wish to park there. He offered a site visit for Wednesday 5:30pm for N. Bennett, Bob Brennan & Ray Oliver.

Lisman Landing: None

Finance:

Jim Donegan reported on the balances in the accounts

Checking: \$ 94,450.58

Savings: \$ 271,091.92

Total: \$ 365,542.50

Nominating: None

Harbor and Mooring: None

Housatonic: None

Amendments: None

Coorespondence: None

Old Business:

Channel and Dredging: No update

Port Authority and SHIPS grant: No update

Shellfishing: No update

Submarine: No update

Leases: See Director's Report

Memorial Stones: See Director's Report

Adjourn:

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm seconded by D. Kubek. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes
Recorder