

Milford Harbor Management Commission
April 21, 2022

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Jim Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Raymond Kirmaier
John Nevin
Richard Preneta
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster
James Donegan, Operations Director
Gregory Harla, Board of Aldermen

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Dora Kubek
Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of March 17, 2022

A motion was made by J. Beard and seconded by R. Preneta to approve the minutes of March 17, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Chairman's Report: Robert Brennan

- Members of Milford Boy Scout Troop 701 were in attendance as part of their Merit Badge.
- Landing looks great and commission members should stop by to see all the ground improvements.

Directors Report: James Donegan

- Monday he will present the budget proposal to the Board of Alderman – R. Oliver requested that the budget be sent to the Commission. He explained he increased seasonal wages almost 20% and some other small increases.
- The mooring renewals and the dinghy rack stickers are going out on Monday. He still has 6 or 8 moorings available still so if anyone interested have them call him.
- The pavers are complete and the foundation for the Pavilion is done and they will start on the patio portion using similar pavers, and some of the building materials have arrived and the target date for the completion is Memorial Day. He added that curbs were put in

the parking lot where the wooden timbers were and they have milled. Once the partial pavement is completed, they will spruce up the gravel area with grading and stone. The Engineering Department came down to help with parking layout, however the parking layout will remain the same due to plantings, fire hydrant and site lines of the harbor. R. Brennan asked what the Pavilion costs, with J. Donegan responding somewhere between \$150,000 - \$175,000 price range. This is not coming out of the Harbor Fund.

- Two groups of Eagle Scouts have two separate projects with the gardens, the plantings and the layout.
- WIFI for the Marina, the most common complaint about the Marina in Dockwa. Working with MIS to get the equipment and a vendor to provide it so hopefully may have in the next few weeks.

Harbormaster Report: Bruce Kuryla

- The Army Core came back with the intention to have the dredging go out to bid in the Spring of 2023 for dredging in the winter of 2023/2024. He questioned why not bid in 2022 and dredge in winter 2022/2023? We need it moved up, we have been at it since 2016 and would like it started. He added that we already have the bid to remove the helix's and reinstalling them.
- R. Oliver stated the NO WAKE signs by the Milford Yacht Club need a redo, asking if Bruce can get them done, hopefully by the start of the season.

Deputy Harbormaster Report: Lee Henchman

- The Stratford NO WAKE signs update is they were sent over to Stratford and will taken up by their Harbor Commission and approval by their Mayor. DEEP says it should be a slam dunk and if both agree it is a done deal.
- All viable moorings have been rented so there is no wait list as those on it were referred to other locations.

Permit Reviews:

- 41 Smiths Point – Certificate of Permission for sea wall maintenance

Report of Standing Committees:

Lisman Landing: - See Director's Report

Finance: James Donegan – Monthly financials were presented.

Checking:	\$ 174,188.42
Savings:	<u>\$ 271,363.14</u>
Total:	\$ 445,551.56

Nominating: None

Harbor and Mooring: None

Housatonic: None
Amendments: None
Correspondence: None
Shellfishing: None

Old Business:

20 Rogers Avenue – R Brennan - Kevin Zawoy, from DEEP, forwarded a notice sent to the owner to correct the problem with the gravel. He will forward the notice to the rest of the members

Channel and Dredging- B. Kuryla – see Harbormasters Report

Port Authority and SHIPS GRANT: B. Kuryla – None

Memorial Plaques J. Donegan explained that he has some bluestone saved however struggles to find a Mason to take on the project.

Peddle boat - R. Oliver noted that he sees the boat in the Harbor. J. Donegan explained that the are holding training and the Coast Guard has given them a COI to operate. A link to the website will be provided so members can see the schedule. First voyage beginning June 1st. The last voyage at night is 8-10 pm.

ZOOM Meetings – R. Oliver made a motion to continue Zoom for May meeting with N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried with R. Preneta against the motion. The Commission agreed to take this up again at the May meeting.

New Projects: *None*

New Business:

Liaisons: Stratford- *None*

Alderman – *None*

Adjourn:

N. Bennett made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm seconded by R. Kirmaier. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes
Recorder