

Milford Harbor Management Commission
June 15, 2022

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Joseph Gilbert, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Raymond Kirmaier
John Nevin
Richard Preneta
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
James Donegan, Operations Director
Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Dora Kubek
Jim Beard
Gregory Harla, Board of Aldermen

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of May 19, 2022

A motion was made by J. Nevin and seconded by N. Bennett to approve the minutes of May 19, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Ruth Lubbers & David Nardella, Board members of the Oyster Landing Beach Club expressing concerns over the fueling of non-commercial boats at the city town Pier. R. Brennan explained they are correct in that only Commercial Vehicles are allowed, and he quoted several sections of the Milford Harbor Management Plan adding that this is done to avoid fuel spills and it is being addressed.
- Colin Caplan and Christian Bruckhart, owners of the Peddle Boat requesting the approval of another peddle boat be allowed due to the overwhelming success of the cruises. They explained the boat would be stored at another marina and they would stagger the boats schedules. It was noted by J. Donegan that he has not noticed excess garbage or received complaints other than notable slow speeds. It was noted by the board that the speed of the boat should be at 5 knots and the peddle boat was observed at 2 -3 knots, and when the harbor is in full season this could be a problem.

After much discussion of J. Nevin made a motion at 7:40 to go into executive session to discuss the addition of the another peddle boat with N. Bennet seconding the motion The

motion carried unanimously. At 7:50 N. Bennet made a motion to exit Executive Session with J. Nevin seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

R. Brennan explained that the Harbor Commission is not in support of a second boat at this time, however they will look at the proposal again for next year after we have had year to see how one boat works out.

Chairman's Report: Robert Brennan

- Spoke with Mayor regarding a plaque to be placed on the Fishing Pier at Gulf Beach in honor of Ray Oliver as he designed the pier. The Harbor Management Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Parks and Recreation Commission to place a commemorative plaque for Ray S Oliver. The HMC will pay for the plaque.
- Need signs made regarding High Street Dock to state for Commercial Vessels only and they must have prior permission of the Harbor Master, Deputy Harbor Master or the Director of Operations to use the dock there is to be no fueling of recreational vessels.
- The mayor has appointed Dylan Mark to replace Ray Oliver on the Commission, with the Board of Alderman approving the appointment.

Directors Report: James Donegan

- The pavilion is almost done. A metal roof will be installed with a cupola with a weathervane installed on top. There will be a metal fence installed around it due to the consumption of Alcohol at events.
- The Devon Rotary replaced the Milford Landing sign with a beautiful sign.
- Eagle scouts have installed a garden and another project will be done by the Submarine.
- Seasonal Staff will get some training as most are new to the Landing.
- Boaters Welcome Bags have been provided by J. Nash of Community Development with information on downtown, give aways like gift cards, restaurants and events.
- Events at Landing have been a success, however lots of trash is generated. Will work with organizations next year on this. Several events are coming up including the Chamber of Commerce Best of Milford Rewards.
- Renting out the pavilion will be done through the Recreation Department application which requires approval through other departments like Police, Fire, Health, Building, Recreation and J. Donegan will check dates with the Marina & Public Use.
- Kayak racks – received complaint regarding the size of the dinghy storage. He will update the web page to include the kayaks and paddle boards. He will send out the bid specs for the Kayak racks explaining paid for through the ARPA Funding.
- WIFI expansion was discussed to reach the pavilion side of the Landing and J. Donegan will speak with IT about the expansion.

Harbormaster Report: Bruce Kuryla see Dredging.

Deputy Harbormaster Report: Lee Henchman

- Still has moorings in shallow water for small sailboats

- Had a 16 ft boat from Bridgeport attached with a home depot line attached to an unoccupied mooring. Worked with owner to get a location in Stratford.
- Ed Marin from Absolute Tank has oil spill recovery system in 5 – 50 ft. sections he will donate to the Harbor. J. Donegan checking to see if have room for the storage of this.
- B. Kuryla and L. Henschman assisted Bayview Beach Association with their application for swim buoys permits for the main beach.

Permit Reviews: None

Report of Standing Committees:

Lisman Landing: - See Director's Report

Finance: James Donegan – Monthly financials were presented. Discussion ensued regarding an investment like dredging and possible piggyback on the harbor dredging. R. Brennan suggested the Duck Ponds need dredging as there is so much vegetation growing in it.

Checking:	\$ 182,881.50
Savings:	<u>\$ 271,408.49</u>
Total:	\$ 454,289.99

Nominating: None

Harbor and Mooring: None

Housatonic: None

Amendments: J. Gilbert is appointed to this committee with unanimous support from the Commission.

Correspondence: None

Shellfishing: None

Old Business :

20 Rogers Avenue – J. Donegan sent out a letter from DEEP to the Commission & J. Griffith, in Building & Land Use.

Channel and Dredging- B. Kuryla – Meeting with the Core was scheduled on June 15th to nail down the schedule and the budget regarding dredging, they know our concerns however the meeting did not occur but did leave message with them.

Port Authority and SHIPS GRANT: B. Kuryla – SHIPPS 3 Grant – J Donegan, J. Nash & B. Kuryla put in a request for funding for the Northern Seaflex – remove and replace for the dredging.

Memorial Plaques - Has the bluestone for the

Peddle boat - See Public Comments

ZOOM Meetings – suspended for summer months

New Projects: None

New Business:

Milford Harbor Management Plan – this was last revised in 2008 and it is time to revise, give a look over.

Liaisons: Stratford- None

Alderman – *R. Vitali thanked the Commission for all the work they do. R. Brennan thanked him for his support of this Commission.*

Adjourn:

B. Kuryla made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm seconded by R. Kirmaier. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes
Recorder