

Milford Harbor Management Commission

July 15, 2020

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

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

Also present: *None*

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 17, 2020

R. Kirmaier made a motion to approve the June 17, 2020 minutes with D. Kubek seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- Steven Johnson has been contacted regarding the signs that need to be posted at Gulf Pond and the Gulf Street Bridge regarding no wake, jet skis and no jumping off. He added that Walnut Beach may need them as well as Gulf Street Pier and the Town Dock. Discussion Ensued. J. Donegan added that he provided the verbiage for the signs with Public Works and they will assist in putting up the signs.
- Housatonic Boat Club is looking for transient moorings from us. This requires a Harbor Plan Amendment and goes before the Board of Alderman for approval as we have nothing in our plan regarding transient boats. Discussion ensued regarding the ramifications of allowing this. L. Henchman will let them know that they will need to present before the Harbor Commission noting that there are none available at this time.
- Paddle boarders and Kayakers use the ramps closest to the racks and there have been problems with boaters now using that area and there have been some boats coming too close to them in that area. Looking at how to deal with this. Perhaps put on the August Agenda for solutions

Director's Report —James Donegan

- Slow at the Marina with no fireworks show and the weather not helping. However, just recently he started seeing more weekday guests.
- Concession Stand money from Gulf Beach has been placed in Harbor Commission Accounts, so all monies have been accounted for.
- Following up with the signs discussed earlier
- Floating dock off Charles Island is now at the landing. The Police towed it in.
- Pump out has received maintenance and some new PVD pipes and working great, just in time for DEEP to come out to test it and passing
- 6 yards of stone has been added to the driveway and parking areas
- Commercial contract for the fisherman has been updated with our input and the City Attorney and we are waiting for returns
- Bruce, Lee and himself met with Sgt. DeStefano regarding Marine Police Unit help in areas along the Housatonic, like at the mouth, no wake areas near Caswell Cove and they were very receptive to our concerns and will increase their patrols in those areas.
- He sent out their Financial Information as of June 30th, but keep in mind that being at end of fiscal year there are some outstanding items, so not finalized yet. He added that he is going through each account as to what he pays for each item. Sonitrol was just recently out and the alarm for the basement water sensor wasn't even working. J. Beard questioned the Garbage removal and J. Donegan explained that he comes every other week in the winter and then weekly during summer, with 2 separate dumpsters, and is looking at how the city handles other city owned building trash disposal.

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya

- Harbor Information & Navigation Metrics for the US Army Core – New England District, was sent out to everyone for their review. It is important that this be returned quickly so he can get it back to the Army Corps.
- There are 10 open moorings, 6 not paid. The racks are sold out. J. Donegan placed call to get more.

Deputy Harbormaster's Report -L. Henchman

- 59 moorings assigned and paid 100% viable spaces filled explaining the ones at the north and south end that are not really usable because of the depth too deep or too shallow.

Permit Reviews– R. Brennan - None

Report of Standing Committees

Lisman Landing(Ray Oliver, John Nevin)–None

Finance(Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett) – J. Donegan

Checking \$ 107,980.86

Savings \$ 270,888.58

Total \$ 378,869.44

Nominating Committee(James Beard, Ray Oliver)– None

Harbor & Mooring(Robert Pacelli, Bob Brennan)-None

Housatonic(Raymond Kirmaier, Dora Kubek) – None

Amendments (James Beard, Ray Oliver) - None

Correspondence: *None*

Old Business:

Channel and Anchorage Dredging– *B. Kuryla*

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – *No bonding but would like to get permit ready for the dredging so they are ready if there is another opportunity to apply*

Shellfishing -*None*

Submarine –*None*

New Business:*Gulf Beach Snack Stand and Scoopy Doo's*.- *discussion ensued regarding their lease agreements, history behind them and their income were discussed. The Commissioner agrees they need to address why the Harbor Commission is not negotiating these leases. J. Beard explained that Fred Lisman wanted the Harbor Commission to be independent so they were given Scoopy Doo's, Gulf Beach Stand & the Pilot Funds, so the commission needs to be in charge to guarantee the funding for the future. R. Brennan, J. Donegan and R. Pacelli will to go over the leases. G. Harla added that the lease with Scoopy Doo's was just renewed on May 31, 2020.*

Liaisons-Stratford – *None*

Alderman–*None*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

D. Kubek made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm seconded by J. Nevin and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:44 pm

Beverly A. Hayes

Recorder