

Milford Harbor Management Commission

August 18, 2021

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

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

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

John Nevin
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 July 21, 2021

A motion was made by J. Gilbert and seconded by J. Beard to approve the minutes of July 21, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Chairman's Report: Robert Brennan

- Milford Landing and Police – J. Donegan will discuss in his report.
- Thank you to the Committee for their work regarding the racks at the Boat Ramp

Directors Report: James Donegan

- Police have been informed regarding trespassing incidents on the docks the Landing and the Police will add the Landing to their downtown closing protocol – advise the commission how this is working. He referenced clear signage at the top of the ramp for boat owners only.
- Fiscal year is going very well for only 6 weeks into we had 473 night visits of dockage and find that people are spending both ends of their trips while out cruising which is a good sign for us. Marina transactions are looking good and still 8 weeks to Columbus Day. He also displayed the revenue from the Municipality Financial System and recapped the amounts taken in last year vs. this year.
- Electricity has not seen a bill for the boat ramp side but the landing side has seen a decrease due to the installation of LED outside lighting.
- Oyster Festival Friday night is not at the Landing, however, the next day they will have a beer garden, oyster shucking contest and live music from 12 – 6. Latest update is that activities have

been cut back dramatically with no amusement rides. Negative Covid test or proof of vaccination to enter the Fowler Beer & Wine areas.

Harbormaster Report: Bruce Kuryla – No Report

Deputy Harbormaster Report: Lee Henschman – No Report

Permit Reviews: None

Report of Standing Committees

Lisman Landing : American Rescue Plan Sub-Committee Ray Oliver, Joseph Gilbert and Ray Kirmaier

R. Oliver lead the discussion regarding the design for kayak and dinghy racks. He met with J. Gilbert & R. Kirmaier accompanied by J. Donegan to go over the boat ramp location and how to maximize the racks. They want them to be more substantive and discussed the size and the spaces. L. Henschman shared his screen with design for Housatonic Boat Club. The other items may be enhanced docks and security system, electricity for dock ramp. R. Kirmaier added a water fountain to fill water bottles over at the boat ramp. Alderman Harla suggested they get their projects and cost estimates in ASAP, for which J. Donegan responded he received the forms from Andretta Swift, Special Projects Manager, and will complete them.

Finance:

Checking:	\$ 159,615.69
Savings:	\$ 271,181.80
Total:	\$ 430,797.49

Nominating: None

Harbor and Mooring: Discussion regarding the Helix anchoring system and the Seaflex cabling limit. N. Bennett added weakest link is the attachment to the dock.

Housatonic: None

Amendments: None

Correspondence: J. Donegan- None

Old Business:

20 Rogers Avenue – P&Z Updates- Discussion of P&Z review noting it is subject to a CAMSPR. The Chair and R. Oliver will review to make sure the submission is the same as what this commission saw. B. Kuryla explained that DEEP did not approve the sheet pile or the gabian blocks, they have to resubmit.

Channel and Dredging- None:

Port Authority and SHIPS grant: B. Kuryla – No update

Shellfishing: No update

Memorial Plaques - J. Donegan will address this again after the summer. R. Oliver explained all the masons are busy with homeowners.

New Business:

Charles Island Music Festival – J. Gilbert suggested that sanitation should be addressed with the organizers as there were high levels of coliform and it affected the shellfish farms.

Adjourn:

D. Kubek made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm seconded by R. Oliver. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes
Recorder