

Milford Harbor Management Commission

September 20, 2018

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

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

Also present:

Winthrop Smith

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2018

J. Beard made a motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2018 seconded by R. Oliver and carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report–R. Brennan - None

Director's Report – R. Swift

- ☐ Weather affecting weekend booking, but will remain open as long a weather remains good as there are many upcoming events
- ☐ Dock resurfacing is coming along nicely and members are invited to take a walk to see. Completion of everything should be in the spring.

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya

- ☐ Nancy Bennett has been helpful in moving piles of decking around
- ☐ Army Corp has been bio sampling, however, no dredging for maybe 2 years because of funding
- ☐ Breakwater – aerial survey completed – however probably nothing will be done with this year
- ☐ Gulf Beach erosion problem - DEEP doesn't want a groin there

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henchman

- ☐ October the boats will be out of the water including the mooring fields
- ☐ Abandoned boat in fields – loose causing problems and towed out – all worked out
- ☐ Housatonic River problem – B. Kurlya explained that he and L. Henschman would like to discuss perhaps a resolution prohibiting Oystering in the mooring fields due to damage to 25% of the moorings caused by some of the Oyster harvesting techniques. L. Henschman explained that a helix replacement alone can cost \$1800. He described some of types of activities causing the damage. Discussion ensued to address viable solutions and the commission decided to have R. Brennan and B. Kurlya go over to Aquaculture and discuss the problem.

Permit Reviews - None

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing–None

Finance– R. Swift –

Checking	\$ 164,779.66
Savings	\$ 269,927.90
Total	\$ 434,707.56

- ☐ *R. Swift explained that his electric bill has gone up about a third from last year. N. Bennett added that hers has as well. He explained that the electrical service to the dockage fees goes back into the account to replenish it, however, he may need to get a transfer to cover the bills.*

Nominating Committee –None

Harbor & Mooring - None

Housatonic – None

Amendments - None

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Pond dredging update– R.. Brennan said that the walls look great but you can already see the grass growing in the ponds.

Channel Dredging– None

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – None

Shellfishing- B. Pacelli provided a draft ordinance establishing a Shellfish Commission under the authority of the Harbor Management Commission. He explained that they could incorporate it all into the Harbor Plan. He added that rules and powers would need to be addressed. Discussion ensued. R. Brennan asked the members to look it over and bring back comments to discuss next month.

New Business:

- ☐ R. Kirmaier asked the commission members if they would be opposed to changing the meeting to Wednesday nights. Discussion ensued as to maybe just half the year during warmer months Wednesday would be fine. It will be discussed again in November before the dates are published in December for the new year.

Liaisons-Stratford – None

Alderman–None

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

R. Kirmaier made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm seconded by J. Nevin and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:49 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder