

Milford Harbor Management Commission
January 17, 2013

Commission members present:

Robert Post
Jim Beard
Bob Brennan
Bob Pacelli
Dave Newman
Nancy Bennett
Al Waterman
Ray Swift
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Bob Nunno, Aldermanic Liaison

Absent:

Brian Bier
Larry Bodick
Ray Oliver
Carter Mario

Chairman Bob Post called the meeting to order at 7 PM and welcomed newest member Bob Pacelli.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as presented.

There were no public comments

Chairman's report

DEEP temporary permits as a result of storm Sandy are expiring at the end of January. After that time you will need to comply with the Emergency Permits in place but they do not apply to all.

Appointment of standing committees

Amendments: Jim Beard, Ray Oliver
Finance: Al Waterman, Nancy Bennett, Jim Beard
Harbor mooring: Dave Newman, Bob Brennan
Housatonic: Robert Pacelli, Carter Mario
Lisman Landing: Al Waterman, Nancy Bennett

Nominating Committee made the following recommendation for officers:

Chairman: Robert Post
Vice Chairman: Al Waterman
Secretary: Nancy Bennett

A motion was made and seconded and the slate of officers was elected unanimously.

Directors Report:

Still waiting on electric repair from Storm Sandy. The original electrician hired to do the job has backed out of the job. We have the estimate and equipment **list** in place from what was **to be** ordered from the initial contractor and can go ahead and hire a new electrician using the same figures. Also the solar and communications still need repair. The hot water heater is coming Tuesday. Kim Kell (risk manager for the City) informed Ray that Fidelity wouldn't act until the city presents the full package of "loss" so we are still waiting for word on what will be covered. FEMA visited with risk manager last week and went across the harbor as well. Electric across the harbor is not insured at all. There is a citywide meeting to figure out how to pay for all of these uncovered losses. Tentative date for this meeting is next Tuesday.

Dredging: We still have a year to go on our permit. Ray spoke with purchasing agent and D. Santa from Roberge. We had one very high quote last year, which was way over our budget. They believe there will now be other contractors interested in job. One of the reasons for the high quote may have been the city requirement for a performance bond. Fred Bialka, purchasing agent believes we can do away with the performance bond. He has a copy of the bid specs, which he will review with legal and then it can go out to bid.

Bob Nunno questioned whether there was any discussion about splitting the job. It was stated that for a number of reasons that would not work in this case.

Events already on the calendar for the coming year:

Rape Crisis: Walk a Mile in her Shoes April 14

Duck Race: first Sunday in May

Meeting tomorrow regarding the boat show tentatively earmarked for the weekend before Memorial Day

South Norwalk visiting: First weekend in August

Lobster Bake: 7/27

Smaller regatta last weekend in June from Fayerweather Yacht Club in BPT.

Finally got the okay from the State to dispose of waterlogged records.

Decking is here for docks and all set to go, public works really came through on the project for us.

Harbormaster Report:

Bruce reported that returns for moorings are trickling in; new data system is in place so we can scan in contract and insurance certificate. Bruce forwarded the survey done by the Feds at the entrance to the Harbor to Chairman Post who printed it out and brought it to the meeting to share. The soundings did not reveal that there was a big difference in the depths from last year.

Milford Landing:

None

Finance:

Checking: \$56,224.15

Savings: \$266,886.46

Total: 323,110.61

Mooring fees aren't due until Feb 15 so February should see good bump in income.

Harbor and mooring:

None

Housatonic:

It was reported that 63,000 cubic yards was dredged from the Housatonic.

Amendments:

None

Correspondence:

Post circulated letter of thanks that was sent to Ron Miller from Mayor Blake thanking him for his years of service on the Harbor Commission.

Old:

We will be reviewing the fee structure for the launching ramp.

Pond:

Bob Nunno called Mayor today for an update but he is away on vacation. Nunno was a little surprised when he didn't see the pond dredging on bonding list. Mayor Blake said that the timeframe was a problem. We reiterated that it is cheaper to pull the sediment out of the ponds before it goes over the falls and is subject to much stricter permitting requirements/costs to remove.

New business:

None

Stratford:

None

Alderman:

None further than above

P&Z:

No report

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Next meeting will be February 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bennett
Secretary