

## **Milford Harbor Management Commission**

January 18, 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

### **Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:**

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

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

### **Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of 12-14-2017**

J. Gilbert made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/14/2017 seconded by J. Beard and carried unanimously.

### **Consideration of the minutes of the special meeting of 12-21-2017**

J. Nevin made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/21/2017 seconded by R. Oliver and carried unanimously with a correction by R. Brennan.

### **Public Comments:** *None*

### **Chairman's Report**—R. Brennan

- Chamber of Commerce - Invitation to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting & 2017 Award of Distinction – Ray Swift will be receiving the Tourism Reward.

### **Director's Report** – R. Swift

- Reservations coming in.
- Dealing with Ice but weather set to warm up
- Working with Purchasing on the Bid Spec to go out for Marina Decking Replacement. He knows the ages of the docks and feels they are in good shape.

### **Harbormaster's Report**—B. Kurlya

- Buoy missing put back in place by Coast Guard.
- Gulf Street Bridge removal not included in the Grant but Mayor seems to think City can come up with money. In bad condition and should be blocked off to protect public. N. Bennett added that traffic will increase in the Pond. R. Oliver suggested speed limit.

### **Deputy Harbormaster's Report** – L. Henchman

- Housatonic mooring field invoices will go out on 30<sup>th</sup> after the Boat Club Invoices go out.
- Cashman, who did dredging for the Housatonic had damaged some moorings and has reimbursed those owners promptly. He notified Cashman that there may be more.

**Permit Reviews**– *None*

## **Report of Standing Committees**

Milford Landing–*None*

Finance– R. Swift

Checking - \$ 57,856.51

MMA - \$ 269,478.64 (Nov. figure)

Total \$ 327,334.15

Nominating Committee – *None*

Harbor & Mooring–B. Kurlya

- There are some spots available for larger boats so email him if you know anyone looking for space. R. Swift mentioned that he advertised again in Windcheck

Housatonic – L. Henschman– *None*

Amendments - *None*

**Correspondence:** see Chairman's Report

## **Old Business:**

*Pond dredging update* – The contractor has the turbidity screen however, the weather is hindering work at this point.

*Housatonic River Dredging* – see Deputy Harbormaster's Report

*Channel Dredging* – B. Kurlya and J. Gilbert attended informational meeting in New Haven. No dredging on schedule for next year

*Ct. Port Authority – SHIPPS Grant* – See Director's Report

*Shellfishing*

- R. Brennan stated that J. Gilbert would like them to hold off on further work on the Shellfishing meeting until he hears from the Ethics Commission regarding a opinion he has requested on Conflict of Interest. This could be March as the Ethics Commission had two members whose terms expired on December 31, as well as the death of a third member last week. There was discussion regarding potential conflicts and how to move forward in the meantime and why the Board of Alderman has not responded to their recommendation.
- B. Kurlya made a motion to move forward with the motion made at the July 20, 2017 with J. Beard seconding the motion. July 20, 2017 motion reads:  
*J. Beard made a motion to establish a Shellfish Commission to be the responsibility of the Harbor Commission, seconded by J. Nevin. R. Brennan will invite Aldermen Bryan Anderson and Frank Smith to next Harbor Commission meeting to discuss this and go over the jurisdictions of the Milford Beds.*  
The motion carried with J. Gilbert opposed to the motion. N. Bennett was not present for the vote.
- Chairman Brennan appointed R. Kirmaier, R. Oliver and R. Pacelli to work on the Committee for Shellfishing with J. Gilbert removed so that there would be no conflicts at this time.
- R. Pacelli explained findings so far: 1) Board of Alderman has the power to create a Shellfish Commission. 2) Harbor and Shellfish Commission acting as both – research of state statutes and legislature is positive. 3) Harbor Management Plan makes some references to shellfishing.
- The sub committee will work on a proposal as to setting up a shell fish commission within the harbor commission. Also the sub committee will work on the language used by shell fish commissions from other towns and make a proposal to the City alderman with an update to the language in the harbor plan. Ray Oliver referenced a section of a page from the Connecticut General Statutes Section 26-257a Local Shellfish Commissions – (b) ...All moneys collected by

the commission under the provisions of this section shall be paid to the commission and used by it for the protection and propagation of the shellfish under its control....

**New Business:***None*

**Liaisons-Stratford** – *None*

**Alderman**– *None*

**Planning & Zoning** - *None*

**Motion to Adjourn**

J. Beard made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm seconded by R. Oliver and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:17 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes  
Recorder