

Milford Harbor Management Commission Meeting
February 16, 2012

Commission Members Present:

N. Bennett
C. Mario
R. Miller
R. Oliver
R. Post
A. Waterman

Also present:

R. Swift, Operations Director, harbormaster
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
E. Garlick

Not Present:

R. Brennan
J. Beard
D. Newman
R. Nunno, Alderman Liaison
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison

Consideration of minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2012 were approved unanimously as presented.

Public Comments: None

Chairman's report:

R. Post made available copies of the new 2012 Boaters Guide.
An updated list of Harbor Commissioners was circulated and notice was made to change the name of the Vice Chair needs to be changed from J. Beard to A. Waterman

Directors Report:

Ray thanked everyone for their support during this transition time. Things are going smoothly so far. He also stated that all City Departments have been very helpful. He has met with Finance Board and the numbers have been rewritten to reflect the payroll changes. If there is any problem with the change to the seasonal staff account, he will need to make a presentation to the Finance Board.

He feels confident that we have a good, seasoned crew coming back this year and would like to augment the seasonal crew with an adult.

Still working with Merco on acquisition of dock hardware. The money for the dock hardware has been moved from our account.

Windcheck Boat Show on schedule to take place May 19 – 20. Windcheck (show organizer) will be collecting individual fees from each exhibitor and paying us one fee, which will create much less paperwork for us. Ray has met with Chamber to let them

know that this is taking place and will touch base with them again. It was mentioned that informing the DMBA of the show would be a good idea. R. Post spoke with the Power Squadron about having a presence at the show, they have been in touch with Wincheck and will be in attendance during the show and performing Vessel Safety Checks. R. Swift reported that Windcheck is giving us an additional 3 months on our mooring advertisement for no additional charge.

Moorings: There is currently applications out to 12 boaters. If these all come in, we will be left with 34 open moorings.

Harbormaster: We are to recommend 3 candidates for the position of Harbormaster to the Mayor who will then send them on to the Governor. R. Post first approached L. Bodick who declined the opportunity to step up to the position of Harbormaster. R. Post introduced one of the candidates, E. Garlick. He has recently retired and is anxious to provide this service to the community. He is a Milford resident and his professional career in aviation safety brings with it a great deal of experience. He spent the first 18 years of his life on the water and in retirement is looking to return to the water. He was involved with the Westport Marine Unit for 5 years. R. Post reviewed the Harbormaster's duties with him.

N. Bennett also tendered the name of John Nevin as a candidate. He is a life-long Milford resident and boater and has recently stepped down from his position as Commodore of the Milford Yacht Club.

R. Post also expressed interest in presently his name for submission. All three candidates will be asked to fill out applications.

L. Bodick will continue to serve as Deputy Harbormaster after the selection of a new Harbormaster.

Finance: Account balances

Savings	\$266,397.12
Checking	\$52,309.90
Total	\$318,707.0

All bills are paid. The large decrease from last month can be attributed to the moving of dock maintenance money from our accounts and the benefits paid to J. Tougas upon termination of her position.

Harbor and Mooring: No report

Housatonic: The Housatonic River Cleanup will take place on April 28th. They do a great job and everyone is always amazed and impressed with the quantity of garbage that is collected.

Amendments: No report

Old Business: Nothing new to report on ponds or marina dredging.

City Dock: The work is progressing with hope that it will be completed by April. L. Bodick reported that the trenching for the electrical is done and that are currently

installing conduits for electrical. They are waiting for the new bolts to replace the failed ones on the new bulkhead.

New business: See Harbormaster report above

Two permits were circulated. One was for a small change to the Moses Wheeler Bridge construction and one was for 53 Point Lookout. Neither are within our jurisdiction for comments and were circulated for informational purposes only.

Liasons:

Stratford: No report

Planning and Zoning - No report

Aldermen – No report

There being no further business, our meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bennett
Secretary, MHMC