

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2011**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2011 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

Commission Members Present

N. Bennett
R. Brennan
R. Miller
G. Montano
R. Post
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster

Not Present

J. Beard
D. Newman
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2011 were presented. Mr. Waterman made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Post seconded. Motion carried unanimously with no changes.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – Mr. Montano reported that the Board of Aldermen passed the Mayor's bonding applications for the repair of the High Street town dock and the marina dredging. He thanked those in attendance at that meeting for their support.

Director's Report – There has been no ice damage from this winter.

The bubbler system will be out around March 1st weather permitting.

The Board of Aldermen approved \$300,000 for the marina dredging. Mr. Swift spoke to Devin Santa of Roberge. The permit application has been sent to the DEP. Typically there are 45 to 90 days before a response from them. The DEP will notify Roberge on where the testing is to be done. Initially the process takes about 6 months with testing, results, etc. The dredging period runs from September through the end of December. If the initial process goes well, it may be tricky to get a contractor for this fall as they may already be hired elsewhere. The dredger will work around the pilings; they don't need to be pulled. Ideally just the fingers would be removed. The mains may not need to be. Mrs. Bennett commented that she regretted not moving the mains at Milford Boat Works one of the times they dredged, the silt under the mains came back into the slips. She recommended doing it if at all possible. Mr. Swift said that due to slope concerns it might be tough to get permitted for that area anyway. Mr. Winters wanted to know if it would have an impact when the ponds get dredged. Mr. Swift said that it probably wouldn't since they would dam the ponds, lower/divert the water and scoop the mud straight out to be hauled away. Anything in the ponds would not be sent down river.

There has been no new news on pond dredging. Mr. Brennan said that he'd heard they are putting a bridge back at Eisenhower Park and fixing a dam. Mr. Post said that the funds for that came from installing the high tension wires. Mitigation funds were set aside for any damage caused.

Signed contracts were received from the DEP for a new pump out station. 75% of the actual cost will be reimbursed. It will go out to bid shortly. The station must be installed and paperwork submitted by December 31, 2011 to receive the reimbursement.

The High Street town dock repair has been authorized. Mrs. Bennett said that the electrical person came out and spoke to her regarding placement of a service box vs. transformer unit. She gave the okay for a service box easement on Milford Boat Works property.

At the Board of Aldermen meeting, money was authorized for Gulf Beach rehabilitation. Mike Ludwig, Bruce Kolwicz and Mayor Richetelli have been working on getting permission to go below the High Tide Mark to retrieve sand and push it back up onto the beach.

Reservations for the marina are good.

Harbormaster's Report – Mooring returns are slow.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance - Fund balance as of 01/31/11 was \$ 265,677.49 in savings and \$ 128,600.95 in checking for a total of \$ 394,278.44. Revenue vs. expense report dated February 17, 2011 was passed around for review.

Harbor and Mooring – Mr. Post passed around an article on dredging in Westbrook's Patchogue River. The federal funds the town was looking for are not available so they will proceed on their own. Mr. Swift said that Mr. Geoff Steadman has been working on getting the side casting federal dredge, the Currituck, to Connecticut to dredge the outer harbors of several towns, Westbrook being one of them.

Mr. Winters wanted to know when the mooring fields will need to be dredged. Mr. Swift said that as soon as we receive the Army Corps harbor survey results, we'll know what the status is.

Mr. Swift found a bill before the State legislature to increase the mooring fees allowed to be collected. At this time, up to \$200 may be charged as a fee, which is to be raised to \$400. The harbor commission may wish to consider raising the Housatonic River mooring fee in the fall.

Housatonic – no report

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – A flyer for the Connecticut Marine Trades Association Annual Meeting on March 8, 2011 was passed around for anyone interested in attending.

Old Business – The pond dredging update, marina dredging update, High Street bulkhead and pump out station were discussed in the Chairman's and Directors reports.

New Business – None

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary