

Milford Harbor Management Commission

February 19, 2015

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman
James Beard
Raymond Kirmaier
John Nevin
Robert Pacelli
Robert Post, Chairman
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Ray Oliver
Alan Waterman
Brian Bier, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli Board of Alderman

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

Consideration of Minutes of January 15, 2015

J. Beard made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2015 seconded by N. Bennett and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Chairman's Report – R. Post

- R. Post welcomed Ray Kirmaier to the Board as an Alternate member. R. Kirmaier explained that he has been a resident of Milford since the age of four and has been sailing and motor boating most of his life.

Director's Report – R. Swift

- R. Swift stated that some pilings have lifted due to the icing, but they won't float away. They will have to be replaced in the spring, as they have no insurance on the pilings.
- The marina is full for Father's Day Weekend thinking that there would be fireworks as in the past year. He has found that the fireworks will not take place that weekend so he will let the group that has booked know that.
- N. Bennett suggested they contact the Coast Guard in New Haven to break up the ice in the channel. B. Post asked if R. Swift could contact them, which R. Swift responded yes, adding his concerns that it may cause damage to the docks.

Nominating Committee – J. Beard

- J. Beard stated the committee nominations as follows with the Board unanimously voting approval.
 - Robert Post, Chairman
 - Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman
 - Nancy Bennett, Secretary

Harbormaster's Report- *L. Henchman*

- L. Henchman said that 63 bookings have been returned to Milford and 30 returned for Housatonic.

Permit Reviews- *R. Post*

- 17 Gardner Avenue, new home, the review it last year
- Seaweed Farm – Army Core approved it, however, they did prohibit them May – November, which was good, however those dates were not in regards to navigational concerns, but for Turtles. It now goes to DEEP. R. Pacelli added that they didn't address our concerns. R Post stated our concerns were sent to DEEP.

Report of Standing Committees

Nominating Committee - James Beard Al Waterman
Amendments – James Beard & Ray Oliver
Finance – Alan Waterman & Nancy Bennett
Harbor & Mooring – Robert Pacelli & Robert Brennan
Housatonic – Raymond Kirmaier & John Nevin
Lisman Landing – Alan Waterman & Nancy Bennett

Milford Landing- R. Swift

Finance- R. Swift

Checking \$ 88,028.27
Savings \$ 268,001.67
Total \$ 356,029.94

- R. Swift added that he has another \$50,000 deposit just this week that is not reflected in these figures.

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Harbor & Mooring- none

Housatonic, Amendments- L. Henchman

Correspondence: *R. Swift*

Old Business:

- Federal Channel Dredging – R. Post stated he contacted the Army Core and Joe Salvatore from the DOT, who want to bring in the Currituck, as we only have about 20,000 yards and it is clean. DEEP wants to use a pump system and put on the beaches. The pump system is very costly and would require substantial financial assistance to help to pay for it, while the Currituck is the cheapest and fastest method taking only a day and half. R. Post added that all the bureaucracy/permitting, we are looking at a December/January timeframe and pumping system making this project very costly, from \$40,000 to \$400,000. R. Post added if a near shore site was established from here on in when the Currituck is in the area we could dredge to maintain the channel. R. Brennan agreed that it would get them out of the 7-10 year cycle they always find themselves in. J. Beard suggested he set up a meeting with Julie Nash from Community Development to help.

New Business:

- N. Bennett stated that Scoot & Paddle, a local business, is looking to store some of its equipment and contact her for which she was unable to help them. She suggested she contact R. Swift. Just for information, they are looking at a Boat Parade in late August.

Motion to Adjourn

R. Pacelli made a motion to adjourn seconded by R. Brennan. The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder