

THE MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2008

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Gary Montano called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

- Commission Members Present: G. Montano, Chairman
J. Beard, Vice Chairman
R. Brennan
R. Post
R. Miller
D. Newman
A. Waterman
N. Bodick
- Also Present: T. Nickols, Recording Secretary
R. Swift, Landing Director
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- The members accepted the minutes as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

E. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- No report.

F. DIRECTOR'S / HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

- R. Swift reported the following to the members:
- Rich Winabod was going to be with us tonight but he couldn't make it; he did replace the line with seaflex.
- Its still winter, but we there is no ice.
- Chairman Montano asked N. Bodick if there will be more ice this season; she replied that around President's Day is when ice is gone.
- J. Beard inquired about the waiting list; R. Swift replied there are 22 openings and they put an ad in Wind Check.
- Chairman Montano noted his concerns about flaking on steel; R. Swift explained the procedure and said its on the 'to do' list.

- R. Swift noted that they did receive a few calls off of the ad in Wind Check.
- The members discussed openings and fillings regarding the slips and moorings.
- L. Bodick showed members a letter from Bruce Kinyla about a refund on a mooring.
- R. Swift reported that the docks are in good shape.
- The members had a discussion about cormorants (birds).

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. MILFORD LANDING

- No report.

2. FINANCE

- R. Swift reported a savings balance (Harbor Management Fund) of \$283,210.68 and a checking balance of \$147,309.99, for a total balance of \$430,520.67.
- R. Swift reported that all bills are paid.
- R. Swift noted that the Landing is doing good and business keeps coming.
- It was noted that there is a half (½) payment left, as that the budget made it through the Finance Committee.
- R. Swift reported the insurance payment went up to \$20,000.00.
- The members discussed the insurance payment and the 3 active lawsuits.

3. HARBOR & MOORING

- R. Swift discussed the liability on the moorings on the River and said he forwarded the information to the Housatonic Boat Club and suggested minimum requirements for the certificate of insurance.

4. HOUSATONIC

- It's still there.

5. AMENDMENTS

- It was noted that J. Beard is working with Joan on updating the 2004 Amendments.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

- None.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- R. Swift reported that he has to re-do his Harbormaster Application because its been over a year, then they will consider it; If the Commission desires a Deputy Harbormaster, then it requires 3 more applications.

- The members discussed the possibility of having a Deputy Harbormaster.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Waterman proposed putting together a dredging fund, that it should be built with designed monies, and suggests taking 20% out of mooring fees retroactively.
- Members discussed silt.
- A. Waterman noted that he was not sure of the dredging fund money would be open to the ponds as well.
- J. Beard noted that ponds are not our monetary responsibility.
- The members discussed possibilities of contributing to, and having, a dredging fund, and how to gather the money.
- J. Beard said he would like an ad hoc committee for dredging.
- The members discussed taxes on extra fees.
- R. Swift suggested using the Pilot Fund or a mailer to ask for more money, and B. Brennan noted that donations are tax deductible!
- A. Waterman noted that dollar amounts are irrelevant right now and that we just need the entity of a dredging fund.
- Chairman Montano asked N. Bodick, B. Brennan and A. Waterman to create a Dredging Fund Taskforce.
- J. Beard asked that a letter of Thank you be sent to Joan Politi for her service as liaison.

K. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

- All other matters were tabled.
- A. Waterman moved to adjourn the meeting, R. Post seconded the motion, the committee voted and the motion was carried unanimously.
- The February 21, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Milford Harbor Management Commission was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Milford Harbor Management Commission held February 21, 2008 are respectfully submitted,

By:

THERESA ROSE NICKOLS
Recording Secretary