

Milford Harbor Management Commission
February 21, 2013

Commission members present:

Robert Post
Jim Beard
Bob Brennan
Bob Pacelli
Nancy Bennett
Ray Swift
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Larry Bodick, Assistant Harbormaster
Carter Mario
Bob Nunno Aldermanic Liaison

Absent:

Dave Newman
Al Waterman
Brian Bier, Aldermanic Liaison

Chairman Bob Post called the meeting to order at 7 PM

The minutes of the January meeting were accepted as presented.

There were no public comments.

Chairman's report:

Next meeting March 21st

There was a lot of snow dumped at the launching ramp, most by private contractors. Bob was in touch with public works that cleared a portion of the ramp for emergency access and closed off access to the area so that there would be no more dumping.

Dredging is still waiting to go out to bid but Fred Bialko is waiting for a determination from the city attorney to see if the bonding requirement can be waived to allow smaller contractors to bid on the project. We are hopeful this will be the case as it was in previous years.

Mooring returns are coming in slowly.

Directors Report:

Lots of time spent plowing. As of last Friday the electrical components are still two weeks out.

The electrical equipment across the harbor is not insured and needs to go out for bid. Ray located the original specs and a bid proposal needs to be put together.

All-Brite (electrician) will be testing the cabling in assisting to prepare bid.

Harbormaster Report:

The mooring applications that have been returned will be entered into the computer soon. The mooring returns seem a little slower this year.

Milford Landing:

None

Finance:

Checking: \$63,343.42

Savings: \$266,931.80

Total: \$330,275.22

Harbor and mooring:

None

Housatonic:

We received a copy of an application made to the DEEP to place speed buoys from the end of Edgemont and going 5 streets south of that.

Amendments:

None

Correspondence:

2 permits were circulated for consideration.

Old:

None

Pond:

None

New business:

Ramp fees – still looking at the increases on the fee structure which hasn't gone up in many years. Jim Beard, Bob Brennan and Al Waterman will be the committee to look into this. Income from ramp fees is budgeted at about \$30K per year and Jim Beard pointed out that these funds are a crucial part of our income. Now that the Pilot Fund monies and the money from Tourism are gone from our income, we really need to take a very close look at the ramp fees. We have already lost a full-time employee from these cuts; we can't afford to lose any more.

There was a lively discussion about dinghy racks and the possibility of building more of them to accommodate kayaks. Lack of parking is an issue for these racks if they are to be located at the launching ramp.

Stratford:

None

Alderman:

J. Beard asked if the tree in the City Hall duck pond could be removed. B. Nunno said he would bring up the issue.

P&Z:

No report

Meeting adjourned at 7:34

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bennett
Secretary