

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 18, 2010**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2010 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Vice-Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard  
R. Brennan  
R. Miller  
A. Waterman  
R. Winters

Not Present

N. Bodick  
G. Montano  
D. Newman  
R. Post  
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison  
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Also Present

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

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2010 were presented. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Winters seconded. Motion carried unanimously with no changes.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – Winter went by fast. The docks are in at the launch ramp. The bubbler system is out. Lag bolts are being put in on the floating docks to secure the cleats. They should all be completed by next week.

Reservations are good. Mount Sinai Sailing Association is coming in the week before Memorial Day. There is a group coming in on June 12 which is Pirate Day, run by the Downtown Merchants Association. Mr. Swift volunteered to run a decorated boat parade for that day with prizes given in several categories. It might help to generate some business since traditionally June doesn't have the best weather and the marina is slow with reservations.

A good marina crew is coming back. Mr. Swift has hired several additional workers. Dick Carlson will start the second week or so in April.

Harbormaster's Report – Rich Wincapaw won the bid for float maintenance and if the weather holds, should have the docks in before the May 1<sup>st</sup> season date.

About 28 moorings are still wide open and paperwork is expected for several. There is an ad in WindCheck again for April.

Mr. Swift is going to approach Geoff Steadman regarding dredging at the marina end of the harbor. He wants to get a feel for what needs to be done regarding testing, permits, etc. It has silted in quite a bit at the corner. Mr. Beard asked if it could be done under a COP (Certificate of Permission). Mr. Swift is hopeful that it can. Mr. Beard questioned if there is any avenue of funding that we can be creative with regarding flooding, recent storms, etc. Mr. Swift will look into that as well. Mr. Beard requested that Mr. Swift define the project, proposed budget, etc. and get back to the Harbor Commission.

### Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – Last month, Mr. Waterman had asked about the submarine being painted. Mr. Swift said that it is on Public Works' list. Mr. Waterman spoke to the Boy Scouts and they are willing to take it on. Mr. Swift will relay that to Bruce Kolwicz of Public Works.

Finance – Fund balance as of 02/12/10 was \$264,899.43 in savings and \$73,657.95 in checking for a total of \$338,557.38. People's Bank is implementing a new system of statements and this is the most recent one for these accounts. Mr. Swift reported that on revenue vs. expenses, the commission is still ahead. From July 1, 2009 through March 18, 2010, expenses were \$186,729.31 and revenue was \$217,377.47.

The Board of Alderman budget meeting for the harbor commission is on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 PM. Mr. Beard asked about the Board of Finance meeting that was rescheduled. Mr. Swift said that it went smoothly. He explained to the Board of Finance about the PILOT funds that were cut in ½. Grant Westerson of the Connecticut Marine Trades Association believes that they will be restored next year.

Harbor and Mooring – covered under the Harbormaster's report.

Housatonic – Everyone that was on the waiting list has been offered a space for 2010. Mr. Miller asked about Mr. Cubbison. He is in and paid and set until November. Mr. Beard wanted to know if there was any feedback on the closure of the state ramp. Mr. Swift says there has not been any.

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – Dale Greenwood, USNA liaison, sent an email stating that the Navy sailing vessels will not be doing an organized stay in Milford this summer. They may however come in for a night if they are on their way up or down the Sound.

Tuesday, March 23, the Housatonic Estuary Commission will hold a meeting. Mr. Swift will go and see what they are about. They are a State Commission that has been in existence for many years but wasn't formally appointed until recently.

Old Business – No updates on the Wepawaug River Pond dredging.

New Business – Mr. Swift reported that the pump-out is beyond repair. He has put in for a DEP grant for 2011. Mr. Swift wanted to know if we could send people to Milford Boat Works on a regular basis. Mr. Bodick stated that they were concerned about the extra wear and tear on their system but would accept them. Port Milford won't be putting in their pump-out system until their bottom washing system is in which means that Milford Boat Works will have the only working pump-out in the harbor. Mr. Swift stated that the Stratford pump-out boat takes care of most needs on busy weekends at Milford Landing. Discussion was held regarding spending hundreds to fix the motor vs. thousands to replace the pump-out. Mr. Beard suggested that a letter be written to State legislators to get help and/or speed up grant process.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas  
Recording Secretary