

THE MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 17, 2007

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

- Commission Members Present: G. Montano, Chairman
R. Winters
R. Post
D. Newman
A. Waterman
J. Beard, Vice Chairman
R. Miller
R. Brennan (came in at 8:05)
- Also Present: R. Swift, Operations Director
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
- Not Present: L. Carroll
J. Politi, Alderwoman, Liaison
N. Veccharelli, Alderman, Liaison

C. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 19, 2007 REGULAR MEETING

- Mr. Post made a motion and Mr. Newman seconded to accept minutes with change to finance report. Should read \$354,556.15 instead of \$54,556.15, \$82,059.47 instead of \$82,159.47, and \$436,615.62 instead of \$456,615.62. Motion carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No report

E. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- No report.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Boats are starting to arrive
- Dredging has started. The bottom is very hard. Another crew had to be brought in. Should be done by June 1, 2007. Contract has all been worked out and financing is in place. Mr. Newman asked if Caswell Cove's dredging was complete. Yes and our material is being used as cap.
- Exterior lights are in.
- Seasonal help will start soon. Almost set for the season. Robert Auger will start at the ramp.
- Wayne will not be coming back with the concession stand. Another vendor would be considered.
- Launch ramp – At least one elderly person would like a parking spot to look over the harbor. The lot is posted parking for car with trailers only. The Operations Director has been asked to use his discretion regarding parking of the elderly just using the lot to park and sit watching the boats.

G. HARBOMASTER REPORT

- No report

H. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. MILFORD LANDING

- No report

2. FINANCE

- Mr. Swift reported a savings balance of \$275,572.78 and a checking balance of \$62,385.06 for a total balance of \$337,957.84. All bills are paid.
- Dredging monies, \$100,000.00, have been taken out and paid to the city. A dredging cost increase of \$26,000.00 was the difference between inshore dumping and offshore dumping. An additional charge to the city for mobilization of a second barge was also necessary.

3. HARBOR & MOORING

- Mr. Post received a complaint regarding launching a kayak with a car only and could not park at the ramp. The permit is for launching not parking.

4. HOUSATONIC

- Mr. Montano would like Mr. Newman to take over the Housatonic sub-committee.

5. AMENDMENTS

- No report.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

- Bob Cooke Skin Cancer Walk is this weekend.

J. OLD BUSINESS

- No report.

K. NEW BUSINESS

- Marilyn Lipton, City Attorney, would like compensation for time spent by her and her staff on the preparation of the dredging contract. Mr. Winters made a motion to pay no more than \$1,000.00 for legal work on the dredging contract to the City Attorney's office. Mr. Post seconded. Opened for discussion. Mr. Beard would like an explanation of the fees – from a city department to a city organization. He never understood why a city agency should reimburse another city office. The city attorney had to stop work on other projects to work on ours. Mr. Beard is very adamant that a precedent not be set. Mr. Brennan wanted to know how many other enterprise funds there are. Only the marina and the golf course. In the case of an accident, who would represent us? Could be the insurance company or an outside attorney. Mr. Brennan wanted to know about rental of the mooring floats. The city wanted each person to provide insurance proof before rental to protect the city. Mr. Winters wanted to know if other city agencies could start charging for other services rendered. Mr. Newman suggested calling it a general payment instead of a legal fee. Mr. Brennan wanted to know who does work on the property that Ray's staff could not handle. Public works does it for no charge. Vote taken and motion failed to carry.

L. LIAISONS

- Stratford – no report.
- Aldermen - no report.
- Planning & Zoning – no report.

M. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

- Mr. Montano moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Newman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Waterman