

Milford Harbor Management Commission
May 21, 2015

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Post, Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman
James Beard
Raymond Kirmaier
John Nevin
Robert Pacelli
Alan Waterman
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster
Bryan Anderson, Board of Alderman

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

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

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

Consideration of Minutes of April 16, 2015

J. Nevin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2015 seconded by A. Waterman and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Charlyne Labreque, 555 Meeting House Circle, Orange, explained that she grew up in Milford and the Harbor holds a special place for her. She explained that the gazebo across at the boat ramp has fallen into disrepair. She has a young man who would like to make the renovations to the gazebo as his Eagle Scout Project. R. Brennan added that the scout will have to submit a written plan signed off by Ray, the town and the Council and he will have to comply with all regulations that it entails as to agency permits. N. Bennett made a motion to endorse the project seconded by A. Waterman with unanimous support from the Board.

Chairman's Report— R. Post

- See Dredging and Permit for Oyster Landing

Director's Report – R. Swift

- Marina in good shape after a very difficult winter. Looking forward to a good Memorial Day weekend a Black Rock group coming in as in past years to kick off the season with 26 plus boats.
- Recent events brought a huge crowd downtown, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes sponsored by Rape Crisis and Catholic Schools Duck Race.
- The marina has two new customers to replace two that retired their clamming businesses.
- Repairs were made to the pilings and docks, they had to reset approx. 18-20 pilings, and install 8 new ones, which are a little higher. Mike Barlett owns the company and he was great to work and only took a couple of days. There was also damage to the hardware, especially the rings, so

replaced some and the face plates. He added that the flowers are on the bridge and the flag is in place and there will be more plantings going in.

- Some of the staff returned for the summer and there are some new on the crew. He hired an extra person which will ease the scheduling between the days and nights.
- Public Works is resetting the patio in sections. They will fill in the voids and put mesh over it and the reset the flagstones. The money is believed to come from the ADA as they will also be installing handicap access to the patio, for which the work will begin next week. There are no events that will be affected as some dates were changed because of conflicts. Fireworks for July 2nd.
- Additionally J. Beard had asked about what could be done better to reduce the damage done to the harbor and R. Swift responded that he would use more ice eaters and place them differently. N. Bennett offered an ice eater that can cover a large area.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kurlya

- The mooring is full.
- Would like to mark the channel with a buoy, but not sure how to anchor it so it doesn't drift. Some suggestions were to weight it down to hold it in place

Permit Reviews- R. Post

- Jeff Westermeyer, Coastline Consulting & Development, LLC. 57B East Industrial Drive, Branford, explained that they are going through the permit process for the dredging at Oyster Landing Beach Club. They are at the pre-application phase and seek Harbor Commission approval. He explained that it has not been dredged since it was first developed and it will be full dredge of all 44 slips. The Chairman signed the permit after discussion by the Board.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – none

Finance– R. Swift

Savings	\$ 268,132.40
Checking	<u>\$ 155,939.01</u>
Total	\$ 424,071.41

Harbor & Mooring- none

Housatonic, Amendments- none

Correspondence: R. Swift

Old Business:

- Pond Dredging Update – Bryan Anderson will have meeting with Public Works and hopes to have update of project.
- Milford Harbor Federal Channel Dredging Update – R.Post met with the Army Corps, DOT, and DEEP in the Mayor's office. Public Works offered their help but the reality is we will have to wait for full dredge in the fall. There is just one obstacle after another and if the project is split they may lose the funding.

New Business:

- L. Henchman inquired as to getting a permit for a speed buoy and who gives them, R. Post responded that there is a permit section on the DEEP website. L. Henchman explained that

Boardwalk Marina in the Stratford Dock shopping center is renting out jet skis and there is a need for speed buoys.

Motion to Adjourn

N. Bennett made a motion to adjourn seconded by A. Waterman. The meeting closed at 7:55 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder