

MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 18, 2009

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2009 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present

N. Bodick
R. Brennan
R. Miller
G. Montano
D. Newman
R. Post
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison

Not Present

J. Beard
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2009 were presented. Mr. Post made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – The Downtown Business Association held Pirate Day on June 13, 2009. About 300 people were down at the marina to watch the pirates sail in on the Quinnipiack and then went uptown.

Memorial Day weekend was excellent for the marina. The following weekend wasn't too bad but the succeeding weekends aren't shaping up too well. The end of the fiscal year should end all right. The marina is ready for boaters.

The Navy cadets visit is still on schedule for the 3rd of July.

We've sent out a mailing, with our brochure and a coupon brochure for downtown businesses, to boaters that were registered at the marina last year to see if we can drum up some business. About 500 have been mailed out with more to be sent.

The Captain's Guide for 2009 has been published. It has a great section on Milford.

Harbormaster's Report – There are 13 unassigned moorings in the harbor with paperwork out on 3 of those, which would leave 10 open float spaces.

Mr. Swift went uptown and talked to the Mayor's assistant about Mr. Cubbison, the mooring holder in the Housatonic with insurance issues. The next step would be to send a registered letter to Mr. Cubbison regarding vacating his mooring. Mr. Swift says the commission should come up with a plan for his eviction. The media will portray him as "that homeless guy on his boat with nowhere to go ...". Other mooring holders are in Milford waters in the Housatonic but because they aren't in a designated mooring field, they aren't required to submit paperwork to the commission. It was brought up as to what happens if one of these people has an accident. The City of Milford is left out of the loop in these cases and the two insurance companies settle it. If one party doesn't have insurance, then that would be where the City of Milford would have a problem. Mr. Waterman questioned Mr. Cubbison's tackle. Mr. Swift stated that Mr. Cubbison's anchors are solid because they were just inspected. Mr. Swift called his own insurance agent and inquired about liability insurance. The person he spoke with said that Mr. Cubbison should be able to get insurance and to have Mr. Cubbison call with the particulars. Mr. Swift relayed the

message to Mr. Cubbison. Mr. Miller checked with Barth Insurance and they said that no inspection should be needed. The agent he talked to called the company to double check while Mr. Miller was there. Mr. Cubbison will be in to meet with Mr. Swift tomorrow.

Mr. Jay Dworkin called regarding fishermen getting lures stuck in boats and sails at Milford Boat Works. Mr. Swift will put up an already made sign requesting fishermen not cast in the direction of boats at the marina. Ms. Bodick says that it is out of control with the number of fishermen using the High Street pier at night. Mr. Swift stated that that is a police matter. Mr. Bodick inquired if there could be times of use ordinance. Mr. Bier replied that it would have to be designated a park first and then the times could be the same as the other parks and beaches in town. Mr. Waterman pointed out that Caswell Cove has the same problem with fishermen late at night. Ms. Bodick said that reception of complaints to the police department hasn't been the greatest. Mr. Swift suggested she go to the chief if she's not getting a good response. Mr. Swift will speak to Chief Mello requesting more patrols at night in the area.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – None

Finance - Fund balance as of 05/31/09 was \$289,092.31 in savings and \$105,479.29 in checking. All bills are paid.

Harbor and Mooring –

Housatonic –

Amendments –

Correspondence – Mr. Hamblin received a permit from the DEP for work at Edgewater Place and Harborview. The permit was passed around for the commissioners to view.

Mr. Swift was approached about a \$50 donation to the Sport Fishermen Kid's Snapper Derby. Mr. Waterman made a motion to donate \$50 to the Sport Fishermen Kid's Snapper Derby. Mr. Winters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – No meeting has been held regarding the Wepawaug Ponds dredging.

The mooring field retrofit is almost done, just a couple more to do.

New Business – Ms. Bodick requested another garbage can be placed at the High Street pier by Public Works. Mr. Swift will pick one up and get it there.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – Mr. Montano asked Mr. Bier about city procedures when eviction notices are given on land properties. A brief general discussion was held.

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary