

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 19, 2008**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2008 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Vice-Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard
N. Bodick
R. Brennan
R. Miller
R. Post
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster

Not Present

G. Montano, Chairman
D. Newman
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of May have not been prepared as yet.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – Marina is doing well. Season started off well with Memorial Day weekend.

Special mid-week deal is being mailed to Yacht/Boat Clubs to drum up business. Sunday thru Thursday \$2.00/foot for overnight, short stays (up to four hours) are only being charged fee for one hour.

Gift certificate is being drafted for a free nights stay Sunday through Thursday if the vessel has stayed 2 consecutive nights already in the season. Still working out the details on that offer.

Crew is good. Grounds in good shape. No complaints on the launch ramp.

Surveys are not coming in as planned but there is some feedback.

Some discussion regarding posting laminated mid week rates. Mr. Beard suggested stuffers from Chamber of Commerce to go with the Yacht Club/Boat Club packages.

Harbormaster's Report – Mr. Swift replaced some boards on some floating docks.

Discussion on going forth with the float project and how to proceed – does it have to go out to bid or go through the mayor? Mr. Swift will call Mr. Montano and get it rolling.

Phase I consensus -- that limiters should be placed on all and new Seaflex be installed on outside row of **A** field and all of **B** field and flip old seaflex to other side of float. Phase II would be to install new Seaflex on the rest of the floats while putting old seaflex on other side of float.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – None

Finance - Fund balance as of 06/01/08 was \$416,792.86. All bills are paid.

Harbor and Mooring – Mr. Swift relayed the message in a letter from the state to Bruce Kolwicz regarding moving sand on Gulf Beach. A full permit application and review would be necessary to accomplish this.

State Aquaculture has contacted Mr. Swift regarding oystering in Milford Harbor. There is nothing in the Harbor Management Plan that mentions oystering. Does the Harbor Commission have an opinion? Discussion ensued regarding the removal of floats along Dock Road during the winter months to allow for dragging for oysters. Mr. Beard seemed to think that oyster seed beds in the Harbor were fair game for all. Ms. Bodick was concerned about dragging and whether it would disrupt channel depths. Anyone dragging probably wouldn't be doing so down by Milford Boat Works or the launch ramp; it wouldn't be lucrative as it's restricted to a manual operation. Mr. Beard asked the Harbormaster to request the state that the federal channel be restricted from oystering. Mr. Waterman would like to make sure that if something happens to our float tackle that it gets paid for. Mr. Post suggested that the Harbormaster be notified when someone does come in and where they will be working.

Housatonic – None

Amendments –

Correspondence – Ms. Bodick spoke about a letter written to the Mayor regarding noise incidence on the town dock. Ms. Bodick spends a lot of early AM hours discussing policy with the police. Perhaps issue special permits to fishermen? Public comment – police will come when called to shut noise down. Mr. Beard suggested a move to make the High Street dock have the same status as the Gulf Street pier. Mr. Swift suggested sitting down with the police department and address it there first. He will call the chief and set up a meeting on this.

Mr. Winters wanted to know what happened with the Oyster Landing live-aboard. Was it resolved through the association? Won't know until children are out of school.

Old Business – Ms. Bodick reported not a lot of progress on the dredging of the ponds since the last meeting. Prices are high to get permits to dredge the ponds. Geoff Steadman is looking into it. A lot of different agencies need to get involved to get it done. Orange has assigned a member to the committee. Bethany is aware but hasn't assigned anyone as yet.

The Army Corps of Engineers is doing a harbor channel condition survey.

New Business – Mr. Post and Mr. Carroll will work with Mr. Swift on the dredging issue.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary