

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 17, 2008**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2008 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard  
N. Bodick  
R. Brennan  
R. Miller  
G. Montano  
D. Newman  
R. Post

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director

Not Present

A. Waterman  
R. Winters  
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster  
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison  
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison  
R. Hatfield, Stratford Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 2008 were presented. Mr. Newman pointed out a needed correction, deleting the sentence under New Business "Mr. Post and Mr. Carroll will work with Mr. Swift on dredging issue". Mr. Newman made a motion to accept minutes with correction. Mr. Beard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments ó None

Chairman's Report ó None

Director's Report ó There will be a meeting in the Mayor's office on Tuesday July 22, 2008 at 11:30 AM regarding the upgrade to the helix mooring system in Milford Harbor.

Mr. Swift spoke to Lieutenant Anderson about after hour patrol of High Street. Things seem to be a bit quieter in the area.

A Milford Landing marina guest complained about being boarded by several people. The boat owner asked them to leave and they did without incident. Ms. Bodick said that she is getting to the point where she will install a security gate due to problems such as this.

Laminated flyers were sent out to yacht clubs advertising the mid-week specials. Boating traffic is down and revenue is also down. Ms. Bodick stated that her transient business is down also. Fuel sales are fine. Ethanol free gasoline is not available at all in this area.

Mr. Swift spoke to director Casey at the state fisheries. Seed oyster people must obtain a permit from the state on Rogers Avenue, Milford, CT. but the Harbor Management Commission can put restrictions on those permits. It was suggested to put a November 1<sup>st</sup> date on the permits because this is after mooring season. The commission will know who is in the harbor because of the permits. Traditionally they do not work in the channel but that restriction can also be noted. It was pointed out that the dredge itself disturbs the bottom and the residue gets into the channel which may create a problem. Perhaps include a hand gathering restriction. Larry Robstock (Buzzy) traditionally works in Gulf Pond using the hand gathering method rather than a dredge.

ACOE completed their survey. Geoff Steadman received a copy but it needs to be extrapolated and he will forward readable results to the commission.

Harbormaster's Report ó Sailboat at 255 Housatonic Drive, the mast was protruding into the channel. The owner moved the vessel and it is out of there.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing ó None

Finance - Fund balance as of 06/30/08 was \$135,074.72 in checking and \$285,609.38 in savings for a total of \$420,684.10. All bills are paid. The question was raised as to when the last loan payment is due. It is due anytime before June 30, 2009 but it will probably be paid in September 2008. Last payment amount is \$27,758.

Harbor and Mooring ó Mr. Post said that a buoy needs to be aligned where the dredging took place last year. Also beacon 16 ó ðNo Wakeö ó sign deteriorated on the tower itself.

Housatonic ó None

Amendments ó Mr. Beard stated that the amendment changes noted in the May minutes should be approved next month when the minutes are presented. At that time, the ordinance amendments will be forwarded to the ordinance committee of the Board of Alderman.

Correspondence ó Letter from Mr. Rebolini was passed around complimenting Milford Landing.

Old Business ó Ms. Bodick reported no progress at this time on the Wepawaug Pond dredging. Mr. Beard spoke to Mr. Berrien who filled him in on the history of the pond dredging. In 1983, the Harbor Plan talked about dredging of the ponds as necessary to keep the harbor from filling up. In the 1986 version of the Harbor Plan, this was deleted from the 1983 draft before approving the final copy. The date and intention of the pond dredging indicates that it goes back at least that far.

New Business ó Meeting regarding the updates to the float system is next Tuesday (see Director's Report). ~\$420,000 is in the bank accounts, however ~\$200,000 is spoken for as operating budget leaving ~\$220,000 for unbudgeted expenses. Mr. Newman spoke to John O'Connell, mayor's assistant regarding the upgrade. Mr. O'Connell thinks the proposed expense is a lot of money for the project. This may just require more explanation as to what is involved.

Ms. Bodick has applied for dredging permits for Milford Boat Works. Kristen Bellantano is the DEP person assigned to Milford. She is an analyst and has previously dealt with yacht clubs.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen ó no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas  
Recording Secretary