

MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 2011

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2011 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard
R. Brennan
R. Miller
G. Montano
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Not Present

N. Bennett
D. Newman
R. Post
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 16, 2011 were presented. Mr. Beard made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Waterman seconded. Mr. Montano pointed out that the sentence under New Business referring to Scoopy Doo's lease reading "...using the same scheduled \$ 10.00 increase per year." should read "...using the same scheduled \$10.00 per month increase per year." There were no other corrections. Motion carried unanimously with the correction as stated.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – Mr. Montano is happy to report that heavy equipment has been moved to the Town Dock for the start of the repair to the bulkhead. He thanked the Board of Aldermen for their effort on behalf of this project.

Director's Report – The Milford Rotary Lobster Bake is this weekend. The marina is pretty much sold out.

The pumpout pump and remote are in place and lagged in. The electrician needs to wire it however the plumbing is complete. Mr. Winters questioned if the marina missed having a working pumpout. Mr. Swift responded that the Stratford pumpout boat is available on the weekends and the marina hasn't been without a pumpout that long.

The lumber is in and covered. The dock building is a good fall/winter project.

Mooring inspections are complete and went well. There is no overextension, just typical marine growth on bridles, etc.

The marina and grounds are in good shape.

Mr. Swift stated that it's hard to gauge the in-between weekends during the season on how the marina is doing. The big weekends, Memorial Day and Fourth of July, were full or nearly so. Marina revenue is ahead of last year at this time. There has been a surge of hourly boaters both local and from Port Jefferson but that doesn't account for all of the increase. Mr. Winters questioned whether the hourlies produce overnights at some point. Mr. Swift said that the first time visitors are the best advertisement. They give good reports and spread the word to others in their clubs.

Mr. Swift reported on an email received from Roberge regarding the marina dredging. We are about a week away from getting a COP signed. There were some issues with the original application resulting in a cost overrun of about \$1,220 due to back and forth correspondence between the DEP and Roberge. The main issue was regarding the grade/slope of the bank landward of the present docks some of which is silt that was deposited over time. The question is where the line of grade should start. The issue has been settled. A motion was made by Mr. Beard with Mr. Waterman seconding to accept an invoice from Roberge which includes the cost overrun due to extra correspondence and consulting work. Discussion was held regarding the extra 12 hours of services required. Motion carried unanimously to accept and pay the invoice.

An Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice for Gulf Beach sand movement was passed around for review.

Discussion was held on the sandbar at Charles Island with regards to people who try to walk out to Charles Island on it and any possible solutions in getting a quicker response should the need arise. Jet ski(s) would be ideal but the logistics of launching, operating, and maintaining them is difficult. There are no regular Police, Fire or Coast Guard patrols of the area. These must be called out on a case by case basis. Marine radios at each lifeguard station to contact any boaters in the area that may be able to help seemed to be the best idea.

Harbormaster's Report – There are 11 vacancies on the harbor floats.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance - Fund balance as of 06/30/11 was \$ 266,005.24 in savings and \$113,142.38 in checking for a total of \$379,147.62. Mr. Swift reported that the commission should end up in the black for 2010/2011. We are still waiting for final numbers from downtown as minor adjustments are being made. The preliminary figures show expenses at \$261,226.57 and revenue at \$316,106.89. Downtown stated that the expenses include the depreciation amount.

Harbor and Mooring – no report

Housatonic – no report

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – None

Old Business – There is no update on the pond dredging.

The pumpout station was covered in the Director's report.

The High Street bulkhead work started today. They were working on pulling pilings out from the front face of the dock. The fencing is angled for the usual setup of the Milford Rotary Lobster Bake. Mr. Montano suggested that extra police patrols of the area might be in order. Mr. Swift will contact them.

Mr. Swift went through Purchasing and Crowley Ford researching a new truck. Public Works is buying two trucks identical to what the marina needs. Mr. Swift got the specifications from Public Works and will get a price to run by the commission at the next meeting. He is able to continue using the city truck that he is presently driving.

New Business – Mr. Brennan brought up the question of boats on moorings in the area of the Milford Yacht Club and how they are accessed. There is a non-member utilizing the MYC property to launch a small inflatable to access his boat. Mr. Swift will contact the mooring holder in question and suggest the use of the launch ramp or a dinghy rack space instead.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary