

MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2010

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2010 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard
N. Bodick
R. Brennan
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

R. Miller
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Mr. Waterman made a motion to make Colby Brennan, Boy Scout from Milford Troop 1, an honorary commissioner for tonight's meeting. Mr. Post seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Colby is sitting in on the meeting as a requirement for a merit badge he is working on.

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2010 were presented. Mr. Post made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Newman seconded. Motion carried unanimously with no changes.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – July 1st started a new fiscal year. It's a successful season so far. The Lobster Bake was a good night. The Oyster Festival is this weekend. Friday night at the festival features "Eight to the Bar" playing. The Friday night summer concert series was a success. The marina and grounds are in shape. People and boats are visiting.

The pump out is working. Only a few boats request a pump out. The grant application for a new pump out has been submitted. Mr. Swift has been working with Mr. Kruezkamp, our supplier, on the specifications and proposal. Mr. Winters wanted to know if the whole system is being replaced. Mr. Swift stated that it will be a direct replacement with better technology. The system goes to a sump, gets to a level and then pumps out to a line in the street. That line is higher so it is not gravity fed. There was some discussion on pump stations and generator backups in case of power failures. Alderman Bier said that money is being spent to upgrade pump stations and generator backups.

Mr. Swift has been in contact with the Army Corps of Engineers for another survey. There was one done in 2008. Rich Wincapaw thinks there is enough siltation to warrant one and they've agreed to do another. Mr. Swift would prefer to have it done in mid-November because the boats will be off the floats. The ACOE may do it as early as September. Mr. Brennan asked where they were starting from to where they'd end. Mr. Swift said that it would be the federal channel for the length of the harbor.

The marina dredging calculations based on the survey done are approximately 9,000 cubic yards costing about \$ 180,000. A request for proposal is to be submitted next week for the testing. The survey results were passed around.

Mr. Swift reported an incident at the marina. A 19' boat requested a tow from the marina to the launch ramp so it could be hauled. One of the dock attendants lost control of the workboats outboard. The two boats circled around. The rub rail hit one of the berthed customers' boats. No one was injured and there weren't any complaints. A police report was written up. Mr. Swift wanted to inform the commission in case there were any comments.

Marcia Winters is working on a grant application to dredge the ponds. Mr. Geoff Steadman sent a couple of paragraphs over to her to be included in the application regarding the need for dredging.

Harbormaster's Report –

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance - Fund balance as of 07/31/10 was \$ 265,276.00 in savings and \$ 86,816.73 in checking for a total of \$ 352,092.73. All bills are paid.

The final 2009 – 2010 report is in. \$ 297,394.86 in revenue \$ 304,756.55 in expenses that leaves a deficit of \$ 7,361.69. If the depreciation is taken out - \$ 41,258.57, the number is \$ 33,896.88 on the plus side. Those amounts are with the pilot funds cut in half.

Harbor and Mooring – Mr. Post attended the dredging seminar held in July at the Sound School in New Haven. There is no federal money to maintain federal channels. Different methods of dredging were discussed. A second vessel similar to the side-caster Currituck is being built. Representatives from Massachusetts and Rhode Island spoke. Their DEP's are different than Connecticut. The process is smoother and they utilize the Currituck on a regular basis. Mr. George Whisker of the CT DEP spoke on Connecticut's permitting process. Mr. Post thinks the Currituck would be ideal for the outer channel by Gulf Beach.

Mr. Swift stated that Mr. Geoff Steadman is a real advocate for Milford, Southport and the Housatonic on dredging issues.

Housatonic – Mr. Montano questioned the work being done on the I-95 bridge. The first phase preliminary work is being done. The second phase is going out to bid. Since the launch ramp on Naugatuck Avenue is closed, the question of use of the Milford ramp was raised. Parking at the launch ramp is working, lots of stickers have been sold but it seems to work since the fishermen are out early and when they come in the recreational boats go out. Mr. Bob Auger, the ramp attendant on Saturday and Sunday, is really good at parking and directing traffic.

Amendments – no report

Correspondence –

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – Alderman Bier said that the capital improvement plan has been approved by the mayor for the coming year. The town dock is on the Board of Aldermen agenda. He would like the harbor commission to be in on the design for its replacement. Ms. Bodick said that the town dock has two uses – recreational fishing and viewing and commercial boat unloading their catches. The latter use has the most to do with the design as it is taxing on the dock. It was suggested that the commercial fishermen have a say in the design also. The question of fueling on the dock was raised. Mr. Swift has spoken to the DEP. They regard it the same as fuelling at home and don't have concerns unless there is a spill. The penalties would be harsher if that were to happen. The dock is occasionally used by emergency vehicles as well. Mr. Swift thinks it would be a good idea to get all concerned parties together before designing. Alderman Bier agreed.

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary