

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2008**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 21, 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
G. Montano
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Also Present

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

Not Present

D. Newman
R. Post
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison
R. Hatfield, Stratford Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meetings of May 15, 2008 and July 17, 2008 were presented. Ms. Bodick made a motion to accept the May minutes. Mr. Waterman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bodick made a motion to accept the July minutes. Mr. Brennan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – Mr. Montano arrived at 7:35 P.M. and took over the meeting.

Mr. Montano received an application notice from the DEP for the boardwalk expansion at Silver Sands. The notice was passed around for commissioners viewing.

Director's Report – The Milford Rotary lobster bake, annual Milford Oyster Festival and aldermanic meeting have all been held since the last commission meeting. It's been a busy month. Business has been on par with past years. Last year is hard to use as a comparison because it was exceptional with cruising groups coming in. Marina is down \$20,000.00 from last year. If gas gets down to \$4.00/gallon and/or the weather holds, there may be a bump in reservations.

We are down to 8 moorings unoccupied – 3 in the **B** field (40' and over), the rest in the 26' to 34' range. Question was raised about the mid-week advertising and if it made a difference. It's hard to say if it has made a huge impact. Registration forms indicate that people are coming mostly from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. Discussion regarding marketing more next year (assuming gas stays around the current price) and whether people are actually moving out of home ports. Do groups get extra discounts? The answer was no for a variety of reasons – holiday weekends, special events, etc. Lobster Bake weekend was sold out, August 1 and 2 was sold out, the 8/9 of August never happened and the Oyster Festival weekend was sold out. Mr. Bier questioned the cancellation policy for transients. It is lenient as far as weather and vessel operational problems. No shows do get charged if a slip was held and it could have gone to someone else. Flyers went out to Yacht Clubs this summer – maybe send to commercial marinas next year as well.

Harbormaster's Report – Mr. Swift received a phone call from Ross Hatfield regarding a large boat at the Dock shopping center that lost its lease and needs to move by October 1st. The boat owner owns the float that it is tied up to. He plans to move the float to the Barrett property, attach it there and put the boat on

the float. The property is near the bulk transfer station at 900 Naugatuck Avenue – upriver of CL&P but before Caswell Cove. The float/boat owner will need DEP and ACOE permits to do this. Mr. Swift will stay on top of this and make sure it goes through the proper channels.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – None

Finance - Fund balance as of 08/01/08 was \$153,930.01 in checking and \$286,032.00 in savings for a total of \$439,962.01. All bills are paid.

Harbor and Mooring – The no wake sign originally was just a blank piece of plywood. It has been repainted and will be replaced.

Housatonic – None

Amendments – Approved harbor plan/ordinance amendments will be sent to the Board of Alderman Ordinance committee.

Correspondence – none

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

The alderman approved the mooring upgrade project funding. Nothing has gone to Larry Tomasco for purchasing bid. Mr. Swift wanted to see where we stand financially before getting a bid on the project. Rich Wincapaw will guarantee the prices for two years. The project will be broken into 2 parts with 2 rows of the A field, all of B field and limiters on all being done first. A motion was made by Ms. Bodick to move the helix upgrade proposal to Larry Tomasco for the bid process. Mr. Waterman and Mr. Beard seconded it. Discussion of the upgrade and perusal of Rich Wincapaw's proposal ensued. Ms. Bodick modified her original motion to not exceed \$180,000 total for the project. Mr. Waterman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business – Ms. Bodick noticed an out of town large vessel that had tied up to the High Street pier and was being fueled by a Shelton oil company. She took several photos. She thinks this is against the harbor plan. If there is a spill on city property, are they insured? Who is liable? Ms. Bodick says that while there is an attendant at the fuel dock at Milford Boat Works, the customer MUST pump the fuel per the DEP. Mr. Swift will investigate the harbor plan wording and where the DEP stands on this.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary