

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 2010**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2010 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Vice-Chairman Beard called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

Commission Members Present

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

Not Present

G. Montano
D. Newman
R. Winters
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 19, 2010 were presented. Mr. Post made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Waterman seconded. Motion carried unanimously with no changes.

Public Comments – Mr. Beard recognized 11 Boy Scouts from Troop 1 of Milford and 1 Scout from Trumbull attending tonight's meeting. They are working on the Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Mr. Beard noted that he had been a member of Troop 1 and welcomed all to the meeting.

Chairman's Report – None

Director's Report – The Oyster Festival weekend was a success for the number of boats and people visiting. The customers were a good mix. Everything ran very smoothly with the Oyster Festival volunteers and the set up and cleanup processes.

The pump-out is still working. No word from the state regarding the grant money request. Mr. Beard requested that Ms. Bodick explain the pump-out and grant process to the scouts. Ms. Bodick explained about the heavy usage and the need for maintenance and replacement equipment so boats don't discharge sewage into Long Island Sound.

Mr. Swift reported that between January 1st and now, we are about \$20,000 ahead in transient fees as compared to this time last year.

Winter projects are being lined up. One project will be to tighten some cleats on the docks that have come loose over time.

A request for proposal has come in from Roberge for the testing and permitting section of the dredging of the marina. The proposal was passed around for review. Mr. Swift will go to see Larry Tomasco in Purchasing and go over it before it goes out to bid. The bidding process should take between 15 and 30 days.

Mr. Swift reported that the Army Corps of Engineers is holding off on the survey of the harbor until after November 1 at least. ACOE has told Mr. Swift that they do not have the money to do Milford harbor. They can not keep up with the bigger harbors that have larger commercial concerns. The best way to get money for dredging is to approach politicians to earmark funds for that purpose.

Harbormaster's Report – none

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance - Fund balance as of 08/31/10 was \$ 265,276.00 in savings. The finance office has not received the checking statement as yet but there is about \$ 90,000.00 usually in that.

Harbor and Mooring – Mr. Swift reported that we've dodged a couple of hurricanes. There is peace of mind knowing that the mooring field was upgraded. Ms. Bodick stated that she had seen a video clip taken in St. John's. They had helix anchors with straight lines attached that were pulled out of where they'd been placed.

Housatonic – Mr. Miller reported hearing that the Stratford Harbor Commission is going to request the state place additional lighting on the temporary structure near the I-95 Bridge for safety purposes.

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – None

Old Business – The grant request for funds for pond dredging has been sent in. The committee working on this met last Thursday. The group is discussing what needs to be done. They are hoping there will be enough funds to work on all three ponds and one wall of the upper pond. Mr. Post explained the pond dredging to the scouts and why it is needed.

New Business – None

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary