

Milford Harbor Management Commission

September 18, 2014

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

James Beard
Nancy Bennett
Robert Brennan
David Newman
John Nevin
Ray Oliver
Robert Pacelli
Alan Waterman
Robert Post, Chairman
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Brian Bier, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli Board of Alderman

Chairman, R. Post called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Consideration of Minutes of August 21, 2014

J. Beard made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2014 seconded by R. Brennan and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report – R. Post

- R. Post welcomed Boy Scout Troop 701 attending this meeting as part of their Merit Badge for Citizenship.

Director's Report – R. Swift

- R. Swift said this weekend is going to be best one after a really good season. He added that he has reached out to area Yacht Clubs and offered them 2 for 1 special so should be good weekend. He said some area events work out better than others in benefitting the Harbor.
- The inspection and cleaning of the mooring and tackles is done costing \$6,825 which took care of all the floats and there were no surprises, adding that one more year of growth would have been much worse.
- Jeff Nielsen from the Police Dept stopped in to talk with him about a new 38 ft. police boat that was purchased as a regional asset. R. Swift had no problem keeping it in the water at the harbor over the winter, but he would like the commission members input regarding further plans. He is going to request a presentation at one of the upcoming meetings to see what the police needs are regarding the boat.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kurlya

- B. Kurlya stated that he has 12 people on the waiting list for next year. He added that he called the Army Core and left a message, however, he did not hear back from them regarding the samples and the permitting for the dredging. B. Post stated that DEEP is looking to take some of

the materials for Beach Avenue, however, he explained to them that Army Core is handling project.

Permit Reviews – R. Swift

- State permit issued to clean the marsh area of debris caused by the past storms, areas from Stratford to Mystic.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – none

Finance – Savings \$267,777.08
Checking \$ 124509.56
Total \$392,286.64

Harbor & Mooring – none

Housatonic, Amendments- L. Henchman

- L. Henchman stated that he has 6 people on the waiting list for next year. The diving inspections found tons of growth similar to that found in the harbor. The mooring and tackle have been cleaned.
- Stratford police boat has a similar police boat mentioned earlier and they have been hugging the marsh at a high rate of speed since July and he is concerned for kayakers. He is going to write a letter regarding his concerns as they should be staying in the channel.

Correspondence:

- R. Swift stated he received thank you card from group of woman who painted there on Tuesday's.
- A. Waterman stated that some of the boaters from S. Norwalk complimented R. Swift regarding their stay and taking care of them.

Old Business:

Pond Dredging Update – none

- D. Newman stated that the retaining wall is being repaired at the North Duck Pond; thought maybe it was the pond dredging.

Milford Harbor Federal Channel dredging – *see* Harbormaster's report.

Town Dock

- R. Post asked N. Bennett if the ladders had been repaired on the Town Dock. N. Bennett did not know, however, signs regarding loitering and hours had been posted and things are much better down there since.

New Business:

Motion to Adjourn

R. Brennan made a motion to adjourn seconded by D. Newman. The meeting closed at 7:45 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder