

Milford Harbor Management Commission

October 15, 2020

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
James Beard
Raymond Kirmaier
John Nevin
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
James Donegan, Operations Director

Also present:

Scout, Brandon Auscavitch

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Joseph Gilbert
Dora Kubek
Robert Pacelli
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman
Gregory Harla, Board of Alderman

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2020

J. Nevin made a motion to approve the September 17, 2020 minutes with N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

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Director's Report — James Donegan

- Columbus Day Weekend was sold out. Most fall events have been cancelled or gone virtual. The Landing is on the list of stop for Pumpkins on the Pier scavenger hunt.
- Preparing the grounds for the fall/winter months. The tent will come down and Sterling Marine will get working on the docks and the moorings in preparation for winter months.
- Vandalism occurred in the form of graffiti, though minor is cause for concern. N. Bennett reported some rocks being thrown. The Mayor and the Police were notified and the vandalism has been cleaned up. The Mayor would like the Landing to install camera's that are self monitored here not by the Police as they are in other City locations. Discussion ensued by the Commission and J. Donegan will look into getting them installed and report back to the Commission next month.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kurlya - None

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henschman

- The diving inspection has not taken place and the boats are being lifted next week.

Permit Reviews — R. Brennan - *None*

Report of Standing Committees

Lisman Landing (Ray Oliver, John Nevin)– *see Memorial Garden under Old Business*

Finance (Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett) – J. Donegan went over the Revenue in the prior two years and the seasonal staffing expenses, graphing to get a picture of how the Landing is doing with respect to the prior years. He attributed the steady revenue to more guests coming in during the week instead of just the weekends. The staff was very conscientious in answering all phone calls and attending to the boaters and feels the decrease in staffing did not affect customer service.

Checking \$ 100,500.16
Savings \$ 270,956.96
Total \$ 371,457.12

Nominating Committee (James Beard, Ray Oliver)– *None*

Harbor & Mooring (Robert Pacelli, Bob Brennan)– *None*

Housatonic (Raymond Kirmaier, Dora Kubek) – *None*

Amendments (James Beard, Ray Oliver) - *None*

Correspondence: *None*

Old Business:

Channel and Anchorage Dredging – *None*

Ct. Port Authority – SHIPPS Grant – *B. Kuryla will be attending the meeting on Tuesday.*

Shellfishing - *R. Oliver spoke with Dave Carey and the Committee for the regulation of natural beds will meet end of October and create a subcommittees study the various aspects.*

Submarine – *None*

Boat Ramp - *None*

Leases – *Discussion of the leases and the current revenue. B. Brennan, J. Beard and R. Oliver will attempt to meet with the Mayor and Jon Berchem to get a handle on the negotiation of the leases and report next month on the findings.*

Memorial Plaques – *J. Donegan contacted 3 contractors about the memorial garden with only one getting back to him which he displayed the quote from Tad Masonry for \$3,300 which would set the memorial plaques around the flagpole in sandstone which allows for the removal to have them engraved individually and then placed back in the garden. Another quote from an engraver at a cost of \$25-\$30 for each 1'x1' plaque engraved. J. Donegan went back 40 years through the minutes to find the names for the memorial plaques and sent the list of the to the Commission. N. Bennett will find Alan Berrien's dates of service as Harbormaster. Also Captain Bradley is to be added per a motion by J. Nevin, seconded by N. Bennett and carrying unanimously.*

New Business: *None*

Liaisons-Stratford – *None*

Alderman– *None*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm seconded by N. Bennett and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:48 pm.

Beverly Hayes
Recorder