

Milford Harbor Management Commission

October 17, 2019

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman

James Beard

Raymond Kirmaier

Dora Kubek

Robert Pacelli

Ray Swift, Operations Director

Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster

Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

Also present:

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman

Nancy Bennett, Secretary

Joseph Gilbert

John Nevin

Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman

Nick Veccharelli, 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 19, 2019

R. Kirmaier made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2019 seconded by J. Beard. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- 2020 Harbor Management Commission Proposed Dates - the dates will reflect the change to Wednesday night meetings for June, July and August and the December meeting will be the second week of the month. D. Kubek made a motion to approve the proposed dates with J. Beard seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director's Report —R. Swift

- It has been busy fall, with Irish Fest, Octoberfest, Columbus day with higher than usual revenue and he is putting on some of the summer staff for this upcoming weekend which is looking to be pretty warm. After that will begin to wind down and get ready for upcoming winter. Keep Gerald Mezzoni through Thanksgiving to help.
- Sterling Marine provided the inspection report which shows that the Seaflex have stretched significantly and as a temporary solution to reduce float movement, he would like to shorten the limiter (safety line) restricting the slack in the Seaflex and has provided a quote for the commission review. Discussion ensued followed by a motion from R. Kirmaier to get more specific about how many need this fix and identify which ones, which we can then vote on next month. J. Beard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kurlya

- Attended the Port Authority meeting on October 2nd. They are searching for new executive director. As to the SHIPPS Grant there were 19 responses but there is no bonding in place yet. They will act on the grants at the November meeting with \$5 million they have to spend on small harbors, so probably will not get to it this year. However, the Housatonic/Hammonasset has some funding leftover and he advised commission that he has put a claim on it, so we will wait and see. They may be able to get enough to cover the Seaflex project.
- Dredging will not be done on the anchorage north to the end of the channel because of the unsuitable area and it may slow down the dredging of the rest. November 1st, report the priority areas and start expediting DEEP for the permit so doesn't look good for this winter.

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henchman

- No change to availability
- All boats except 2 have been removed from the river
- Embassy cruises was referred to him by Bruce and updated them with anchorage and approach to the Housatonic.
- Boat Club got 900 cubic feet dredged at a cost of \$77,000. The New Housatonic launch area that the state put in looks great and getting lots of use.

Permit Reviews – R. Brennan - None**Report of Standing Committees**

Lisman Landing (Ray Oliver, John Nevin)–None

Finance (Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett) – Ray Swift

Savings \$ 270,512.76

Checking \$134,805.13

Total \$405,317.89

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: R. Swift

- Letter from NOIAA open house this Saturday.

Old Business:

Blue Plan Initiative – *remove from agenda.*

Channel and Anchorage Dredging– Bruce Kurlya – *see Harbormaster Report*

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – Bruce Kurlya - *see Harbormaster Report*

Shellfishing - Bruce Kurlya – R. Oliver spoke with Dave Carey from Aquaculture about the UCONN management plan, which is an outline for recommendation on shellfish management.

Simon Lake Submarine - None

New Business: None

Liaisons-Stratford – None

Alderman– None

Planning & Zoning - None

Motion to Adjourn

D. Kubek made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm seconded by R. Kirmaier and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:33 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder