

Milford Harbor Management Commission
October 21, 2021

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Jim Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
James Donegan, Operations Director
Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen
Gregory Harla, Board of Aldermen

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

John Nevin
Robert Pacelli

Chairman Brennan called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of September 16, 2021

A motion was made by R. Oliver and seconded by J. Gilbert to approve the minutes of September 16, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Chairman's Report: Robert Brennan

- Harbor Management Plan will be worked on over the winter adding that Greenwich finished theirs and they will also look at Norwalk and Stamford plans. Also mentioned as food for thought is looking at providing Harbormaster discretion regarding boat size in relation to the helix strength.
- Zoom meeting through the end of year

Directors Report: James Donegan

- Finished the season on a good note, busy weekends around Columbus Day and some visitors on their way south.
- Grounds looking good
- Budget for next year will be submitted soon. Looking for increase in Seasonal Wages due to the increased traffic at the Marina
- Rate should be increased for the weekly rate

- Marketing the Marina for next year, working on list of holidays and events and getting posted on Dockwa for booking. Marina opens for booking January 1st which everyone has come to expect so he will leave that date alone.
- Making list of yacht clubs and associations that book with us so he can reach out to them about their weekend dates
- Map Check Cruising Guide is featuring Milford on the Front cover and he spent lots of time with them providing upcoming events, restaurants, etc. and addressed some of the negative inaccurate information like depths of channel that reflected poorly on the Marina. We will also have an updated ad.

Harbormaster Report: Bruce Kuryla

- The Environmental Assessment is done as part of the Dredging Permit. Justin Rosen, Mayors Assistant helped with a call to Blumenthal and working with representatives to put the funding together.

Deputy Harbormaster Report: Lee Henschman

- Three people on the waiting list, all boats are out of the water and the inspections will be completed by November 1st. So far, the inspections reveal wear on the equipment adding that some will have to replace their helix.

Permit Reviews:

- 85 Point Beach Drive – Certificate of Permission to repair a seawall. No action by the Commission is required.

Report of Standing Committees:

Lisman Landing: - J. Donegan explained he will hold off on the memorial plaques to see how things work out with the improvements. The sizes of current kayaks/dinghys have been taken to get better handle on what is needed. Discussion on providing access to all and efforts to keep everyone safe by locating the kayak launch away from the boat launch.

Finance:

James Donegan – explained that the figures do not include the September deposit.

Checking:	\$ 143,093.39
Savings:	<u>\$ 271,227.87</u>
Total:	\$ 414,321.26

Nominating: None

Harbor and Mooring: None

Housatonic: None

Amendments: None

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

20 Rogers Avenue – P&Z Updates- have not heard back from J. Griffith, however the P&Z Aerial photos from 2018 and 2019 differ.

Channel and Dredging- see Harbormaster Report

Port Authority and SHIPS grant: B. Kuryla – No update

Shell fishing: Discussion on Shell fishing in the Pond and revitalizing the pond through perhaps some grant funds available that Dave Carey can apply for. J. Gilbert asked that he be placed on the committee for creation of the Shellfish Commission as he is can offer his institutional knowledge. L. Henchman added that he provided D. Carey with a map of the shell fishing exclusion zones, however, he has not heard back from him.

Memorial Plaques - see Lisman Landing

New Projects: J. Donegan – American Rescue Plans funds that Alderman Harla helped with will be put out to bid. They include the walkway from the pedestrian bridge to the Landing, the kayak/dinghy storage racks and the launch on the south side of the boat ramp; electricity and water to the south dock and raise the pier.

New Business:

Liaisons: Stratford

Alderman – R. Vitali stated this is last meeting before the election, for which he thanked the Commission for their hard work with G. Harla agreeing and adding that with the funding from the American Rescue Plan it will make the Harbor much better and added great job from everyone on the Commission. The Commission thanked both for their commitment.

Adjourn:

N. Bennett made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm seconded by R. Kirmaier. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes
Recorder