

**MILFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
November 17, 2011**

The Milford Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011 in the conference room at Milford Landing. Chairman Montano called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commission Members Present

J. Beard
N. Bennett
R. Miller
G. Montano
D. Newman
R. Post
A. Waterman
R. Winters

Also Present

R. Swift, Operations Director, Harbormaster

Not Present

R. Brennan
L. Bodick, Deputy Harbormaster
B. Bier, Alderman Liaison
N. Veccharelli, Alderman Liaison

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 20, 2011 were presented. Mr. Post made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Waterman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – None

Chairman's Report – Mr. Montano passed around a newspaper article regarding dredging in Guilford.

Nominating Committee Report – Mr. Newman made a motion that the slate of officers for 2012 be as follows: Mr. Post - Chairman, Mr. Waterman - Vice-Chairman and Ms. Bennett - Secretary. Mr. Beard seconded. Motion carried unanimously to accept the slate of officers starting January 2012 as presented.

Director's Report – Mr. Swift picked up the new marina truck last week.

A lot of landscaping has been done to get the property in order.

The water lines have been blown out.

The bubbler system pipes have been brought down to the docks and will be installed after Thanksgiving.

Harbormaster's Report – There was a lost weekend at the end of October because of the snowstorm. Any boats remaining on the floats were hauled shortly after. Floating docks are now being brought in.

In the Housatonic River, boats are off the moorings. Mr. Cubbison's yellow catamaran is back at the Dock Shopping Center marina for the winter. His mooring has been pulled and inspected. It will be re-installed in the spring in such a way as to not encroach on the channel.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – no report

Finance - Fund balance as of 10/31/11 was \$ 266,256.78 in savings and \$ 106,749.70 in checking for a total of \$ 373,006.48.

Harbor and Mooring – There are 45 Harbor and 10 Housatonic non-renewals at this time which is about the same as last year.

Three permits from the DEEP were passed around for review. The first is for a bulkhead repair by Dineson at 126 Edgewater Place, the second is a storm repair by Nicholson at 67 Point Lookout and the third is for a repair by the City of Milford at the intersection of Westland Avenue and Field Court. No action on the commission's part is needed.

Mr. Post mentioned an article in the paper about the Economic Development Commission's proposal to move the Fowler Field ball fields and tennis courts and build shops and perhaps a small hotel on the site to bring more visitors to the downtown area. He was wondering if this fit in with the Harbor Plan. Discussion was held on the fact that much of the area is built on marshland, where the limits of that marshland extended to and how recently it was filled in. It was also noted that many storefronts downtown are empty now and more are not needed at this time. Mr. Swift noted that a recent letter to the editor pointed out that people come to downtown to frequent the restaurants, not necessarily the shopping, and that the restaurants seem to be thriving.

Housatonic – no report

Amendments – no report

Correspondence – The Connecticut Harbor Management Association's Annual Banquet will take place on December 6, 2011. Mr. Waterman, Mr. Miller, Mr. Winters, Mr. Newman, Mr. Post, Mr. Montano and Mr. Swift stated that they plan to attend.

Old Business – Mr. Swift attended a meeting on pond dredging. A survey and testing of 4 (four) ponds was done. The tests came back clean. The four ponds are at Eisenhower Park, North Street Duck Pond, City Hall Pond and the pond behind Stonebridge Restaurant. Mr. Frank Matthews, North Street, is on top of what has been done and what the results are. The North Street pond area has a lot of newly planted trees. Those would need to be moved or they'd be destroyed because the land is needed to de-water the dredged material.

Any further action on marina dredging will wait until spring.

Work on the High Street bulkhead is going forward. It is turning out to be a bigger project than originally thought. It is not known if there are any cost overruns.

The new marina truck was covered in the Director's report.

New Business – The 2012 proposed schedule of meetings was presented and accepted with no changes.

Liaisons

Stratford - no report

Aldermen – no report

P & Z - no report

Being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Tougas
Recording Secretary