

Milford Harbor Management Commission

November 21, 2019

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
James Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster

Also present:

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Raymond Kirmaier
Robert Pacelli
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 17, 2019

D. Kubek made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2019 seconded by J. Beard. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of 2020 Proposed Meeting Dates

N. Bennett made a motion to approve the 2020 proposed meeting dates with J. Nevin seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- Submarine – R. Brennan spoke to Steven Johnson & Christopher Saley and proposed putting a cover over the submarine to protect it from the elements and work on the water that may be inside the sub.
- Invitation to Connecticut Marine Trades Association to Jingle & Mingle at Penny Lane Pub in Old Saybrook on December 5th. The pricing is on the invite if anyone plans to attend.

Director's Report —R. Swift

- Trick or Trot was last event here which benefits the Beth El Shelter. He added that the tent came down after that event.
- A new granite bench was donated and dedicated to Sarah Foster. The city put in a concrete pad for it and there is room for more benches.
- Preparation for winter, including the bubbler system.
- Sterling Marine provided the inspection report last month 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. A transfer will have to be made to cover the cost of replacing approximately 20 bridles and 20 fixes to the safety lines along the northern side of the marina. Discussion ensued regarding the amount and \$20,000 will be requested to transfer to cover.

J. Nevin made a motion to approve the first transfer of \$15,000 amending the amount to transfer to \$20,000 with J. Beard seconding the motions. The motion carried unanimously.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kuryla

- Abandoned boat, US Yacht 305, on mooring float. Will start the abandoned boat paperwork with DEEP. Takes approximately 45 days on DEEP website and then we can arrange to get rid of it.

B. Kuryla made a motion to get the abandoned paperwork started with D. Kubek seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- Dredging – DEEP signed off on it, but the Federal Government has not. It was decided to leave out the area of unacceptable soil, probably caused by the dredging of the duck ponds, the area from the northern part to Dock D. The Currituck can dredge the outer channel again as the permit is in place for that.
- Brewery on Bridgeport Avenue – Dan Bagley approached him regarding providing some transient moorings and he will provide transient access. This mooring field has to be laid out between the Rivercliff Yacht Club, and the channel. He will put in the ground tackle. This should be an economic boost for Devon.

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henchman

Permit Reviews – R. Brennan - None

Report of Standing Committees

Lisman Landing (Ray Oliver, John Nevin)–None

Finance (Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett) – Ray Swift

He explained that the insurance (\$50,000 a year) for the Landing has been paid that is why the checking account is a bit low. It will increase when the mooring field income starts to come in.

Savings \$270,558.72

Checking \$ 79,202.60

Total \$349,761.32

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

Old Business:

Channel and Anchorage Dredging– Bruce Kuryla – see Harbormaster Report

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – Bruce Kuryla - Port Authority is due to meet again on the 4th regarding their audit, so right now because of no bonding, the SHIPPS program is not active.

Shellfishing - Bruce Kuryla

Simon Lake Submarine - None

New Business:

- R. Swift explained that the ramp attendant, Bobby Auger, who helps everyone over there at the ramp, has experienced problems with the growing Homeless Population. Discussion ensued

regarding how to address and concern over the gazebo being used as a shelter. They will keep their eyes on the situation and will address this in the spring.

- *J. Beard asked about the fees and perhaps advocating for a review of the slip and mooring fees to see if they are still competitive with others in the area and advertising. Discussion ensued.*

Liaisons-Stratford – *None*

Alderman– *None*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm seconded by N. Bennett and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:57 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder