

Milford Harbor Management Commission

January 17, 2019

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
James Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman

Also present:

Julie Nash, Community Development Coordinator

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Robert Pacelli
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
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 December 13, 2018

R. Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2018 seconded by J. Nevin and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

New Business: (moved up on agenda)

- ☐ Flotilla and Property – 24 Helwig Street - Julie Nash, Community Development Coordinator presented a proposal for the property occupying the Flotilla building. The City owns the property and the Flotilla owns the building. They currently have a 99-year lease of the property with 40 years left. The City has offered to relocate them to the Fowler Building or Parsons so that the City could build a dockside restaurant in that location. The City would own the building and property and lease the space to a restaurant. An RFI went out and will be closed on February 11th and they would know the interested parties for the restaurant. Discussion ensued as the various benefits to the downtown community, acknowledging the value of the Flotilla, and to get the Harbor Commission support for the project. After much discussion the Commission agreed to wait till the February meeting
- ☐ Tiki Boat – R. Swift referenced the presentation of the Tiki Boat and found a slip at the north end, a 20 ft. section at the most east end which he could offer for \$3,200 for the season, which is what they typically charge for commercial boats. He added that Captain John liked the spot and this is a good trial for both parties. Discussion ensued regarding the park ordinance recently passed. J. Beard and R. Brennan will attend a Board of Alderman meeting regarding the ordinance.

D. Kubek made a motion to approve the \$3,200 lease of a boat slip for the Tiki boat with N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee- James Beard

- ☐ The committee met and recommends the following slate of officers:
 - Robert Brennan, Chairman
 - Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
 - Nancy Bennett, Secretary

Hearing no nominations from the floor, J. Nevin made a motion to approve the Nominating Committees slate of officers, with D. Kubek seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

R. Brennan added that the Standing Committees will remain the same.

Chairman's Report-R. Brennan

- ☐ B. Kurlya handled the abandoned Catalina boat in the harbor. Completed a Notice of Abandoned Vessel and filed with DEEP along with a letter, signed by R. Brennan, allowing the ownership to revert to B. Kurlya, so he could arrange getting rid of it. He explained the process to the Commission and R. Brennan asked that the commission approve him signing the letter on behalf of the Commission as they wanted to get it removed quickly.
N. Bennett made a motion to approve with D. Kubek seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- ☐ Ray Kirmaier and Dora Kubek have been reappointed to the Commission.

Director's Report -R. Swift

- ☐ Furnace is out of commission – they took it out Monday and it will be replaced. He contacted the contractor recommended, Environmental Engineering, and they received a quote of \$7,763 for the unit and installation. He will do a transfer from the Harbor Management Fund, which requires Finance and Board of Alderman Approval and it will be installed within 3 weeks.
N. Bennett made a motion to approve the transfer and the quote of \$7,763 for the new furnace with J. Nevin seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- ☐ New Tent Cover – in need of replacement due to sun damage. He received quote of \$3,099.05 and again he will transfer from the Harbor Management Fund, which requires Finance and Board of Alderman Approval.
J. Beard made a motion to approve the transfer and the quote of \$3,099.05 with N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- ☐ Ice Protection is ready to go.
- ☐ Re-decking is almost complete – doing a great job
- ☐ Inspect of the helixes in the Spring – annually do 1/3 of the mooring field each year.
- ☐ Painting inside of building walls and floor this winter

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya

- ☐ Invoices have been sent out for both Housatonic and Milford Harbor – 13 open floating docks in Milford Harbor 32 ft. and under
- ☐ More kayak racks will be placed across at boat ramp
- ☐ Meeting at Corp to see if they have any information regarding the dredging

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henschman – See Harbormaster's

Permit Reviews – R. Brennan

- 29 Captains Walk- DEEP Permit- walkway and float for private residence – signature page is missing- R. Brennan will contact applicant to provide it.

D. Kubek made a motion to approve the permit with J. Nevin seconding the motion, contingent on the signature page being provided for Chairman's signature. The motion carried with J. Gilbert abstaining from voting.

Report of Standing Committees

Lisman Landing (Ray Oliver, John Nevin)–None

Finance (Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett) – R. Swift

Checking \$100,839.16

Savings \$270,062.53

Total \$370,901.69

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 Dredging– B. Kurlya - None

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – None

Shellfishing - None

Minutes– J. Gilbert – regarding the minutes, he expressed that the verbiage under the Harbormaster's Report regarding Shellfishing, in the December 2018 minutes, does not accurately reflect what is going on regarding shellfishing in the pond and on the river. Discussion ensued.

Submarine – R. Swift – expressed concern over the deteriorating condition of the Simon Lake submarine and would like to see someone look into having it restored and perhaps a cover to prevent future deterioration. J. Beard provided the historical background and it arriving at present location. Discussion ensued as to restoration and commission agreed that R. Swift should contact Mayor to have it restored.

Liaisons-Stratford – None

Alderman–None

Planning & Zoning - None

Motion to Adjourn

D. Kubek made a motion to adjourn at pm seconded by J. Gilbert and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:36 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder