

Milford Harbor Management Commission

December 12, 2019

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Robert Pacelli
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster

Also present:

Greg Harla, Board of Alderman

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

James Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 2019

J. Nevin made a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2019 seconded by D. Kubek. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- Greg Harla, Board of Alderman Liaison was welcomed to the Harbor Management Commission Meeting.

Director's Report —R. Swift

- Redecking is finished and there is approximately \$7,444.35, which can be used for electrical and plumbing associated with the project so that will be spent.
- The bubbler system is in and the Ice Eaters are ready to go.
- Flagpole needs work and discussion ensued as to best equipment to use to reach the height without damaging the new patio.
- Budget meeting with Mayor and Finance Director went well and only requested increases to the utilities and seasonal temporary help.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kuryla

- Map depicting areas for dredging and depicting area of unsuitable soil. He will look into what was actually found in the unsuitable material. He explained that all the red area on the map goes into the central dumping grounds and would try to get the Currituck to do it. The next step is the environmental call with New York and hopefully goes through okay.
- Port Authority had a hearing on the Dec 5th regarding internal problems. On December 6th, in New London they passed policy stuff and he found out that the Port Authority contributes approx. \$25,000 to the NOIAA site each year. They discussed Madison receiving SHIPPS grant however not spent as they have no public access only private. December 17th the Port Authority will be at New Haven City Hall to evaluate the Maritime State Policy – they were required to do this once a year, which they never did, and this Commission is urged to go to the meeting and have their say.

- Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund was created in 1986 and has approximately \$9.3 billion in it. Federal Congress has never let the Army Core use it. The house passed to release the funds – not sure where it goes. Rand Paul proposed reductions in tons per year to qualify for the Army Core dredging requirements, so if you meet the requirements you are put on a Army Core priority list and they pay for it. Perhaps Joe Gilbert could be appointed to a committee to look into the traffic going in and out and how best to track it. Both the Anchorage and the Channel are federal projects. He went on to explain that the State has not issued any bonding so he is just looking for alternative means to help cover the cost of dredging.
- Map depicting the seaflexes that will need repair submitted for Commission information.
- Abandoned boat paperwork has been submitted to DEEP but is not on their website yet. It is at our dock and we should own it sometime after January.

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henchman- *None*

Permit Reviews – R. Brennan - *None*

Report of Standing Committees

Lisman Landing (Ray Oliver, John Nevin)–*None*

Finance (Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett) – Ray Swift

Savings \$ 270,601.71

Checking \$ 69,115.50

Total \$339,717.21

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's Report*

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – *Bruce Kuryla – see Harbormaster's Report*

Shellfishing - *Bruce Kuryla*

Simon Lake Submarine - *None*

New Business:

Liaisons-Stratford – *None*

Alderman– *Welcome Greg Harla!*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

R. Kirmaier made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm seconded by J. Nevin and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:38 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder