

Milford Harbor Management Commission

February 15, 2018

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
James Beard
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Robert Pacelli
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Joseph Gilbert
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 January 18, 2018

J. Nevin made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/18/2018 seconded by R. Pacelli and carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Andrew Wilhelm, 182 Merwin Avenue, explained that he purchased a shellfish boat and is interested in the creation of a Shellfish Commission as he is interested in sustainability, somewhat similar to the Commission in Stratford. He expressed that he would be very interested in being a part of it. N. Bennett suggested if he is interested in Shellfish Commission creation then he ought to come to the Harbor Commission meetings.

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- Dredging at the North Street Pond has begun.

Director's Report – R. Swift

- Dock Program for reservations – Finance is going to another credit card, Point to Pay. They have given the current credit card, Global, notice. Point to Pay will work with the reservation company Dockwa. This will allow us to expand our customer base. Reservations and cancellation policies remain the same for us.
- Mooring Field- half have been returned
- Done with winter, ice eaters are in and the bubbler system will come in next week
- Grant for redecking – Worked with B. Kurlya and Community Development and sent over to Joe Salvatore, got his blessing. The bid will go out through Purchasing two ways. One will be for the Redecking of everything and the electrical the other is for Total Replacement All New. This decision was the result of prevailing wages requirements for replacement and new. This is also the time to update the electrical, moving them between the fingers instead of on the edge.

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya

- There are Slip Openings for small boats, 30 footers. The racks will probably be sold out. J. Beard asked if he thinks the openings would be filled. B. Kurlya responded that there is not a lot

of growth, however, they usually fill them for the season. R. Swift added that he feels they look good at this time.

Deputy Harbormaster's Report – L. Henchman

- Mailed out the renewals this Sunday, there was a huge turnover in boats and some openings for 5 deep water and 2 shallow openings.

Permit Reviews

- Milford Point Road – Notice of Permit Issuance to elevate the road.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing–None

Finance– R. Swift

Checking - \$ 50,653.43

MMA - \$269,614.52

Total \$320,267.95

Nominating Committee –None

Harbor & Mooring–B. Kurlya

Housatonic – L. Henchman- None

Amendments - None

Correspondence:

- Congratulatory notes regarding Tourism Award

Old Business:

Pond dredging update– North Pond dredging has begun.

Housatonic River Dredging – Done – B. Kurlya – Village Marina is having a fish tournament on the Housatonic and was asked if the Housatonic Ramp would be ready. R. Swift noticed that all the parts for the ramp are on site and heard that it would be ready for the season.

Channel Dredging– Nothing at this time.

Ct. Port Authority – SHIPPS Grant – Funds have been received

Shellfishing

- R. Pacelli explained that the committee will continue to work through the documents, but the intent is to combine the two for one group serving two capacities. B. Kurlya suggested that the commission come up with a new name for the expanded commission as we don't want to ignore the other bodies of water included in the shellfishing.
- R. Vitali questioned the creation of a new commission. R. Brennan explained that the committee will bring its recommendations to the Harbor Commission before it is brought to the Board of Alderman. There was discussion regarding waters that Milford gave its rights up to the State in the early 1900's. They would like to work to get those back under Milford jurisdiction. He asked Mr. Amann if he had any suggestions on how to get them back.
- Jim Amann stated he is a lobbyist for the shellfishing industry and here just to listen. The commission requested what his intentions are at this meeting. He responded that he would like to see a shellfish commission similar to the one in Stratford. He added that the land under state control is pretty valuable and there is a good group of legislators in Hartford who could help fight to get them back. J. Beard requested that he work with our guys here to accomplish this.

New Business:None

Liaisons-Stratford – None

Alderman—*None*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:48pm seconded by N. Bennett and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:48pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder