

**Milford Harbor Management Commission**  
**February 17, 2022**

**Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:**

Robert Brennan, Chairman  
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman  
Raymond Kirmaier  
Dora Kubek  
John Nevin  
Richard Preneta  
Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster  
James Donegan, Operations Director  
Gregory Harla, Board of Aldermen  
Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen

**Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:**

Nancy Bennett, Secretary  
Jim Beard  
Joseph Gilbert  
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster

Chairman Brennan called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of January 20, 2022**

A motion was made by R. Oliver and seconded by R. Kirmaier to approve the minutes of January 20, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of January 26, 2022**

A motion was made by R. Kirmaier and seconded by D. Kubek to approve the minutes of January 26, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

**Milford Rotary Lobster Bake** – Tad Smith and Robert Bulgar submitted their map depicting the location approximately 23,000 sf in the parking lot at the Milford Landing they propose to have the event. The date requested is Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. They plan to sell no more 1,000 tickets. Discussion ensued regarding event forms.

R. Kirmaier made a motion to approve the event with D. Kubek seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Report:** Robert Brennan

- 20 Rogers. Kevin Zawoy from DEEP contacted him regarding what we can approve to keep the bulkhead from sinking in. Spoke with J. Griffith and nothing has been applied for. Mr. Zawoy is aware that gravel has been placed there.
- EDO is back to work on the Landing
- Harbor Management Plan – there is some incorrect information on it but he will wait to speak with N. Bennett who has the information.

**Directors Report: James Donegan**

- He sent out the draft fee schedule and he would like the Commission to vote on the rate change for weekly rate for transient boaters from \$12/foot to \$15/foot.  
R. Oliver made a motion to approve the revised rate schedule for weekly transient boats from \$12/foot to \$15/foot, with J. Nevin seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- Dockwa renewals – When the contracts for the renewals were sent out there was some confusion regarding the insurance agreements. They were sent email reminders, and a few stopped in to Landing to fill out the form, but most renewals were done without issues.
- Paddleboat-Coming this Spring, after review, the location for entrance and exit will be at the boat ramp side due to parking issues and foot traffic. They will conduct several trips a day with hours between 10 am and 10 pm. The boat needs to plug in at night and they can have a commercial slip located closest to the Memorial Bridge due to the limited maneuverability of the boat. After much discussion by the Commission. R. Oliver made a motion to approve the Paddleboat with the pickup and drop-off point at the Fowler Field side of the Harbor and approved to use the parking area nearest the tennis courts and other areas not requiring a sticker. Also approved is the use of the overnight commercial slip closest to the footbridge with the commercial boat slip fee of \$3,500/per year and additional \$750 for electricity. The schedule is for April 1 – October 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 10 am and ending at 10 pm, with none on Oyster Festival. All requirements as City Attorney outlined for Tiki Boat. This should all be included in the contract verbiage. J. Nevin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- EDO working on replacing the timber walls and finishing.
- Dingy & Mooring Reservations are coming in and we opened Walnut Beach and have already reservations for a dozen.

**Harbormaster Report: Bruce Kuryla – None**

**Deputy Harbormaster Report: Lee Henchman**

- There are 5 people on the waiting list for a mooring. Lots of interest and no turnover.

**Permit Reviews:**

- 17 Sailors Lane – Certificate of Permission, no action required by Commission. They are proposing to modify an existing pier. Kevin Zawoy contacted B. Kuryla regarding prior enforcement issues and it was verified abated.

## **Report of Standing Committees:**

**Lisman Landing:** - None

**Finance:** James Donegan – Monthly financials were discussed and presented proposed budget for 2022-2023 to the Board of Finance.

Checking:	\$ 101,911.69
Savings:	<u>\$ 271,319.28</u>
Total:	\$ 373,230.97

**Nominating:** None

**Harbor and Mooring:** None

**Housatonic:** None

**Amendments:** None

**Correspondence:** None

## **Old Business:**

20 Rogers Avenue – R. Brennan explained nothing has been filed with Planning & Zoning. Kevin Zawoy from DEEP notes that gravel has been added and has spilled into the wetlands area so they are aware of it.

Channel and Dredging- B. Kuryla – None

Port Authority and SHIPS GRANT: B. Kuryla – None

Shell fishing: R. Oliver - Subcommittee is R. Kirmaier, J. Gilbert and R. Oliver and they will be reviewing other towns with existing Shellfish Commissions for their rules and regulations for comparison. There are 18 existing towns we can model ours after and selecting the most relevant to Milford. J. Gilbert pointed out that there are 3,000 acres for shellfish beds and leases go for about \$4 per acre which is substantial monies to enhance the shellfish replenishment.

Memorial Plaques – R. Oliver suggested EDO may be able to configure the memorial around the flagpole and then we can just remove the bricks as we engrave them.

New Projects: *None*

## **New Business:**

**Liaisons:** Stratford- *None*

**Alderman** – *None*

**Adjourn:**

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm seconded by R. Oliver. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes  
Recorder