

Milford Harbor Management Commission

February 18, 2021

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
James Beard
Raymond Kirmaier
John Nevin
Robert Pacelli
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
James Donegan, Operations Director
Gregory Harla, Board of Alderman

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Joseph Gilbert
Dora Kubek
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 January 21, 2021

R. Oliver made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 minutes with N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- Congratulations to R. Kirmaier on reappointment to the Commission.
- Jim accompanied the Boy Scouts for a look at the Kiosk and they will work on in the warmer weather.
- Executive Session at end of meeting to discuss leases – Commission discussed importance of including alternates.

Director's Report – James Donegan

- The transfer for the memorial garden and the mooring field repairs was approved. Stirling Marine finished the repairs the other day and the memorial garden will begin as soon as snow melt is gone.
- Budget was presented to Finance and all was fine.
- Bubbler system was started for ice in harbor and found that out of 12, 4 do not work. Found company to fix them for \$200-\$250 and will get them fixed. Good thing weather was warmer and were not needed.
- Letter to applicant at 20 Rogers Avenue went out and copied Planning & Zoning, Mayor and J. Gaucher at DEEP. R. Oliver requested copy of letter sent be sent to Commission.
- Security Cameras record 3 – 4 weeks before recording over. He explained the locations that they cover and they pick up license plates and who owns the vehicle as they approach and they will pick up boats coming in but not the registrations. The boat ramp across the way is covered adding that the old cameras can come down. Discussion ensued about whether they should be removed, and

all members are asked to come down to the Landing to see the smaller compact cameras and the old camera's do not work.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kurlya

- Small meeting arranged by Julie Nash with Senator Maroney & Murphy and they are aware of the funding needed to get the dredging done.
- Kayak & Dingy Rack – there is waiting list and we could use maybe 10 or more. Discussion ensued regarding the current fee at \$120 for Milford Residents which includes a boat ramp pass and possibly increasing the fee. N. Bennett added that she gets calls all the time and refers them to the Landing. J. Beard questioned the parking and J. Donegan responded there are 3 by ordinance and 8-10 cars at end of lot and overflow is the City parking behind the ball fields and library.

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henchman

- Went over the mail with J. Donegan and 43 out of 57 moorings on the river is paid for and sent follow up emails to those unpaid. Getting some turnover and most of them should be filled.

Permit Reviews – R. Brennan - None

Report of Standing Committees

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

Finance (Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett) – J. Donegan - Budget numbers were sent out to the Commission adding that the deposits for reservations are being reflected as they are received. He is contacting Purchasing and Public Works about the pricing for the dumpsters to see if there are better pricing. He added that he receives 3 UI bills for the Landing and each has a different rate and supplier and would like to see them reduced. He does not see the Solar generation reduction on the bill. He found the original supplier information and is looking into it.

Checking \$ 66,570.64
Savings \$ 271,046.61
Total \$ 337,617.25

J. Nevin questioned how the refunds with DOCKWA will be handled. J. Donegan explained that he discussed this with P. Erodici in Finance and they may create another account to keep the funds separate.

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: *J. Donegan received the annual meeting invite for CMTA and it will be virtual and the cost is \$50 if anyone is interested he will email them the invite.*

Old Business:

Channel and Anchorage Dredging – *None*

Ct. Port Authority – SHIPPS Grant - *None*.

Shellfishing - *None*

Submarine – *None*

Boat Ramp - *None*

Memorial Plaques – *J. Donegan reached out to the engraver and the Mason will start the garden after the snowmelt*

Executive Session - Leases

J. Beard made a motion to add an Executive Session to the Agenda to discuss the leases. N. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Beard made a motion to enter the Executive Session at 7:34 pm. With N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Those included were Robert Brennan, Chairman, Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman, Nancy Bennett, Secretary, James Beard, Raymond Kirmaier, John Nevin, Robert Pacelli, Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster, Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster and James Donegan, Operations Director.

J. Beard made a motion at 7:39 to exit the Executive Session and return to the meeting. J. Nevin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Business: *R. Oliver - Capital Improvement saw an item for the Fisherman's Pier and asked what this project is. J. Donegan explained it is to provide the fishermen access to where the old bridge was removed, the stone is in disrepair. They will design the revetment and bump out the fishing access and slope the existing to open the area coming out of Gulf Pond on the Harbor side to the Gulf Beach Side. It was presented to Board of Finance and the Board of Alderman and the funding was approved. Race is submitting a proposal for the engineering design and will be reviewed by City Attorney. R. Oliver would like to see the proposal sent out the Commission.*

Liaisons-Stratford – *None*

Alderman– *None*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm seconded by J. Beard and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:46 pm.

Beverly Hayes
Recorder