

Milford Harbor Management Commission

February 20, 2020

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

Robert Pacelli

Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster

Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

Also present:

Greg Harla, Board of Alderman

Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Ray Swift, Operations Director

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 29, 2020

R. Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2020 seconded by J. Nevin. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- He contacted Human Resources and met with Tania Barnes, then Finance and the Mayor to get the procedure for hiring a new director. Members met with R. Kirmaier to put together a list of duties for a job description as there is currently none with discussion regarding duties. HR will post the position for 2 weeks then the commission reviews applications, interviews, and recommends the candidate, but the Mayor hires. They will continue discussion in Executive Session toward end of meeting.
- Ray is away right now and his last day is the last Thursday in April.

Director's Report —R. Swift - *None*

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kuryla

- Returns for the moorings have been coming back with a good response. There are approximately 20 empty any size. Director handles the monies and gives the renewals to Lee and himself. There is a pile on his desk so they may have filled more spaces. There are a total of 128 mooring in Milford Harbor. J. Beard explained that when they went before Board of Alderman to increase the mooring fees they were told to hold back on increasing and his concern is that we may be suffering because of the rates for mooring fees being below Market, however, discussion ensued about the open moorings and the good economy and probably in line with others. J. Gilbert explained that vacancies are not unique to any marina. R. Kirmaier added that perhaps more marketing could be done during the winter to fill these empty spaces.
- Currituck is here in New England

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henschman

- 58 renewals were sent out and 43 have been received and paid, starting to get calls and they have plenty of room, 9 empty – shallow water is only 4 ft.

Permit Reviews – R. Brennan - None

Report of Standing Committees

Lisman Landing (Ray Oliver, John Nevin)– *R. Oliver will try to get the memorial garden completed.*

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

- The current proposed Harbor Commission Budget was passed around with the history of revenue and expenses. Discussion ensued.

Savings \$ 270,695.02

Checking \$ 22,025.43

Total \$ 292,720.45

Nominating Committee (James Beard, Ray Oliver)– *None*

Harbor & Mooring (Robert Pacelli, Bob Brennan)-

Housatonic (Raymond Kirmaier, Dora Kubek) – *None*

Amendments (James Beard, Ray Oliver) - *None*

Correspondence: *None*

Old Business:

Channel and Anchorage Dredging- *None*

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant - *None*

Shellfishing- *R. Kirmaier stated that he received the information of the invitation for public comments, which is being held when most people are working. J. Gilbert raised concerns over the Blue Plan specifically the Act Concerning Ct's Shellfish Restoration Program and the designation of Shellfish beds taxation similar to Farmland and the adoption of the Long Island Sound Blue Plan overall.*

R. Oliver met with Dave Carey at Aquaculture who informed him the professor was back from sabbatical and there is a stakeholders meeting on 3/25 – you can apply to go to the meeting. They will evaluate natural beds for use for regulation – statewide and try to put together a report for October 2020 and go out for funding for replenishment

Simon Lake Submarine - *None*

Job Description & Search - *N. Bennett made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:47 pm with R. Oliver seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Board members were the only people present, all others vacated room. Executive Session ended at 8:27 pm.*

The meeting reconvened at 8:27 pm.

New Business:

- Budget – N. Bennett will contact Board of Alderman Liaisons with concerns regarding budget.

Liaisons-Stratford – *None*

Alderman - *None*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

R. Oliver made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm seconded by N. Bennett and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes

Recorder