

Milford Harbor Management Commission
March 17, 2022

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Jim Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
Richard Preneta
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
James Donegan, Operations Director
Gregory Harla, Board of Aldermen
Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

John Nevin
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of February 17, 2022

A motion was made by D. Kubek and seconded by J. Beard to approve the minutes of February 17, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None

Chairman's Report: Robert Brennan

- Coast Guard Auxiliary has been bringing their garbage over to the Landing and leaving it outside the dumpster. J. Donegan has spoken with them.

Directors Report: James Donegan

- Trash from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, he will address.
- Dockwa has recorded 400 nights reservations so far. The commercial contracts go out at end of the month. The mooring/dinghy contracts are making reservations easier. Housatonic has 57 paid moorings and the Harbor has 86 paid with 30 still outstanding and 6 moorings turning over. There are only 20 dinghy outstanding.
- Stirling Marine has begun installing the floats in the mooring field.
- Seasonal staff will start up and they should have full staff for summer.

- Peddleboat contract went out and the owner had questions regarding excessive noise and how they know when it is excessive. He addressed them. They will be coming in April and they have their Coast Guard Inspection.
- Charles Island Music Festival committee reached out to him. He will keep the Harbor Commission aware of updates as he receives them.
- Improvements are coming along. Edo will start on parking lots improvements, curbs and get it ready for partial paving. The city Engineer came out to measure and help reconfigure the parking lot. The existing tent will be replaced with a larger solid pavilion. Public Works is handling the project with some in house and some sub-contracted out. Discussion ensued about the funding with J. Donegan responding the funding is not coming out of the Harbor Commission budget.

Discussion ensued regarding additional garbage receptacles and additional Porto Potties due to the additional foot traffic from the peddle boat. J. Donegan explained that Public Works comes by to empty the 6 barrels a few times a week and the seasonal staff cleans up garbage throughout day. He will monitor and add more when needed.

Harbormaster Report: Bruce Kuryla

- There was a hearing Monday regarding funding with the DOT and Port Authority for small harbor fund set up, but no funding there yet.
- Caswell Cove Speed Zone Completed

Deputy Harbormaster Report: Lee Henschman

- Dockwa river mooring renewals worked great only a few people that needed assistance.
- Caswell Cove Detail & Design No Wake Zone Sign was signed by the Mayor, Fire Chief EDO and then to Stratford .

Permit Reviews: None

Report of Standing Committees:

Lisman Landing: - See Director's Report

Finance: James Donegan – Monthly financials were presented. J. Beard added he has not seen the numbers look so good in a quite a while. Kudos to R. Brennan & J. Donegan.

Checking:	\$ 139,588.13
Savings:	<u>\$ 271,340.09</u>
Total:	\$ 410,928.22

Nominating: None

Harbor and Mooring: None

Housatonic: None

Amendments: None

Correspondence: None

Shellfishing: R. Kirmaier explained the committee is reviewing other towns Shellfish Commissions for their rules and regulations for comparison.

Old Business:

20 Rogers Avenue – R. Brennan explained that he spoke with Jon Berchem and Mayor Blake to look into the situation. There is nothing new from Kevin Zawoy from CT Deep and no permits taken per M. Palumbo, Inland/Wetlands.

Channel and Dredging- B. Kuryla – None

Port Authority and SHIPS GRANT: B. Kuryla – See Harbormaster Report

Memorial Plaques None

New Projects: *None*

New Business:

R. Brennan opened discussion regarding in person meeting. After discussion J. Gilbert made a motion to conduct the April meeting via ZOOM and decide for the following month at that time. The motion was seconded by D. Kubek and carried unanimously.

Liaisons: Stratford- *None*

Alderman – *None*

Adjourn:

R. Kirmaier made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm seconded by D. Kubek. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes
Recorder