

## **Milford Harbor Management Commission**

May 16, 2019

### **Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:**

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

Also present: *None*

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

Raymond Kirmaier  
John Nevin  
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman  
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 March 21, 2019**

*J. Beard made a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2019 seconded by D. Kubek and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Public Comments:** *None*

**Chairman's Report**—R. Brennan—*None*

### **Director's Report** —R. Swift

- Start of Season this coming weekend. New tent is up and the public areas are all freshly painted and clean. Crew starts this weekend too, same came back with a few new hires.
- Hired someone to handle the landscaping of the property with a bonus that he is a handyman too.
- Events starting up, Oyster Festival meeting the other day, everything usually goes smooth
- Floats match all the new decking and looks great
- The Mayor contacted him regarding the SHIPPS grant now available again and these were some ideas he put out there and we should rate them, in order of importance and apply for the grant. The application is due June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Commission discussed getting quotes for some of these projects.
  1. Dredging of the inner channel which additionally requires the removal and the replacement of helix pilings to accomplish this.
  2. An Engineering Study regarding the widening of the existing abutments and the actual widening of the area under the bridge. The contention is there is shoaling taking place because of the rushing tides thru the narrow opening to Gulf Pond.
  3. Continue Founders Walk from the Walking Bridge to Wilcox Park

**Harbormaster's Report**— B. Kurlya

- Moorings – 18 of 32 are still open in Milford Harbor; Racks 13 of 70 are open
- Blue Plan Initiative- there is now a final plan, which he will send out. There is a public hearing at City Hall on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

#### **Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henschman**

- Moorings in the Housatonic 2 to 3 in deep water and some for smaller boats.

#### **Permit Reviews – R. Brennan**

- 29 Captains Walk – the page for the Harbor Commission to sign was missing at last meeting, now included for signature. N. Bennett made a motion to approve the application as consistent with the Harbor Plan, seconded by J. Gilbert. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Report of Standing Committees**

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

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

*Checking \$ 86,673.99*

*Savings \$ 270,286.07*

*Total \$ 356,960.06*

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:** *None*

#### **Old Business:**

Channel and Anchorage Dredging– D. Kubek handed out spreadsheet of property owners along the harbor in response to the discussion of piggybacking the mobilization with all property owners along the harbor. Discussion ensued as to what to do next. B. Kurlya added that they were down again taking samples for third time. He suggested R. Brennan and Mayor Blake invite John Gaucher from DEEP to discuss our ideas and see if we can get a modified deal/approval to do this.

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – *See Director's Report*

Shellfishing - *None*

Submarine – R. Vitali says the Mayor says that this is Boy Scout project working with Public Works

Blue Plan Initiative – *see Harbormaster's Report*

**New Business:** *None*

**Liaisons-Stratford** – *None*

**Alderman**– Ray Vitali – new budget was voted in last night.

**Planning & Zoning** - *None*

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

D. Kubek made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm seconded by N. Bennett and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:56 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes

Recorder