

Milford Harbor Management Commission
May 19, 2022

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Vacant, Vice-Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Jim Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Richard Preneta
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
James Donegan, Operations Director

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Gregory Harla, Board of Aldermen
Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen

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

R. Brennan called for a moment of silence for Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman.

Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of April 21, 2022

A motion was made by J. Gilbert and seconded by N. Bennett to approve the minutes of April 21, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Tom Giordano, president to the Oyster Landing Marina regarding fueling tankers coming into fill boats. He referred to the Harbor Management Plan which references NFPA approval but very vague. Discussion ensued the authorities involved and it was suggested by R. Brennan that an attorney be hired to get an opinion letter for liability. L. Henschman offered to send him the recently updated NFPA codes from 1/20/2022.

Chairman's Report: Robert Brennan

- Major improvements are raising questions regarding the use at the Landing
- Recessed lighting is be installed in the pavilion so it should be ready for June meeting

Directors Report: James Donegan

- Lots of activity, pavilion is substantially complete by Friday

- Upgrading the power into the garage from 50 AMP to 200 AMP along with outlets for the patio and pavilion.
- The paved portion of parking lot is complete and will be striped, and the gravel side will be regraded and get new gravel
- Scheduled to get WIFI through State for Public WIFI coming out of the back of the Library with an Antenna being installed to allow more coverage. MIS Department was instrumental in accomplishing this.
- Concession Stand at Gulf Beach - renewed the lease with Goodies and the season has been paid for and deposited
- Peddle Boat – the slip has been paid for, however, only one Insurance document has been received for Liability. The liquor liability and the workman's compensation has been forwarded to City Attorney's office for review.
- Pavilion – R. Brennan asked if additional security cameras would be installed for the patio and pavilion with J. Donegan responding that they have added them to the proposal for the pavilion. Cameras towards the dumpster too.
- R. Preneta inquired how one would make a reservation at the landing for an hour or two with J. Donegan responding that they cannot take reservations, however, when they enter the harbor they can reserve a slip through Dockwa or they can call.

Harbormaster Report: Bruce Kuryla

- Meeting with the Core on June 15th to nail down the schedule and the budget, they know our concerns. Will contact the boat doing the Portland Maine dredging, not the Currituck.

Deputy Harbormaster Report: Lee Henschman

- No change to vacancies, shallow water or super deep but not viable
- Sterling is coming out after dive inspection revealed that there were 8 slip overisks found which are the top of the helix, however Sterling needs to determine the severity.
- Attended the Stratford Waterfront Commission regarding the Pope's Island proposed No WAKE signs. This was not on the agenda, however, he took many questions from the Commission and this will be on their agenda next month for approval. It is noted Stratford is the owner of Pope's Island.
- At the old Raymark property, he assisted the Army Core in dragging a 6 inch pipe into the river which was weighted down with floats and should be there for about a year. He put the information in a bulletin and emailed it this morning.

Permit Reviews:

- 182 Milford Point Road – Permit to Construct the Fixed Timber Dock 90ft. Drawings could not be sent, however, there is missing information, like elevation views, water depths, aerial photos and clarification if T-head. Discussion ensued regarding the items missing and DEEP will be looking for them.

N. Bennett made a motion to deny without prejudice as it is not consistent with the harbor plan and they need more information to consider it. R. Kirmaier seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Report of Standing Committees:

Lisman Landing: - See Director's Report

Finance: James Donegan – Monthly financials were presented. Also the budget was approved by the Board of Alderman this past Monday.

Checking:	\$ 180,056.05
Savings:	<u>\$ 271,384.70</u>
Total:	\$ 451,440.75

Nominating: R. Brennan met discussed with J. Beard the position of Vice Chairman and agreed that Joe Gilbert should be appointed, and Joe has accepted should the Commission approve.

N. Bennett made a motion to appoint Joseph Gilbert to Vice Chairman with J. Beard seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously. J. Gilbert responded that he is honored for the Commission's confidence in him.

R. Brennan said that anyone interested in the vacancies for standing committees, please let him know. J. Gilbert asked to be considered for the vacancy on the Amendments Committee.

Harbor and Mooring: None

Housatonic: None

Amendments: None

Correspondence: None

Shellfishing: None

Old Business:

20 Rogers Avenue – None

Channel and Dredging- B. Kuryla – see Harbormasters Report

Port Authority and SHIPS GRANT: B. Kuryla – None

Memorial Plaques - Memorial plaque for Ray Oliver as a past chairman of the Harbor Commission when we find an engraver

Peddle boat - See Director's Report

ZOOM Meetings – *D. Kubek made a motion to meet in person with R. Preneta seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously. R. Brennan suggested we meet under the pavilion if possible or in our regular meeting room at the Landing depending on Covid protocol.*

New Projects: None

New Business:

Liaisons: Stratford- None

Alderman – None

Adjourn:

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm seconded by N. Bennett. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes
Recorder