

**Milford Harbor Management Commission  
May 20, 2021**

**Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:**

Robert Brennan, Chairman  
Nancy Bennett, Secretary  
James Beard  
Joseph Gilbert  
Raymond Kirmaier  
Dora Kubek  
John Nevin  
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:**

Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman  
Robert Pacelli

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

He explained that there is a request of J. Wren to move the 20 Rogers Avenue to the front of the agenda. The item will be taken up after Public Comments.

**Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of April 15, 2021**

A motion was made by J. Beard and seconded by R. Kirmaier to approve the minutes of April 15, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**Old Business:**

20 Rogers Avenue – Joseph Wren, Professional Engineer, representing Jeffrey Laydon with 20 Rogers Avenue property. J. Wren gave a review of the improvements and referred to a Harbor Commission Site visit to the property and asked for additional questions. Discussion ensued with concerns raised over the 300 ft. of steel bulkhead, the raising of the elevation, extent of work and concern over the possible commercial use of the property in a residential zone. A motion was made by N. Bennett to uphold the previous denial for reasons outlined in the letter to Mr. Laydon dated January 21, 2021. D. Kubek seconded the motion. The motion carried with 5 to 2 vote with J. Beard and B. Brennan against the motion.

Mr. Laydon requested to resubmit the application and requested the Commission provide him with a list of changes they would approve as being consistent with the Harbor Plan. R. Brennan along with the commission will put together a list of changes and get that to Mr. Laydon.

**Chairman's Report:**

- Reminded Commission that the June, July & August will move to Wednesday nights for those months.
- Look into possible in person Harbor Commission Meeting for next month maybe under the Tent.

**Directors Report:** *James Donegan*

- Very busy with lots of reservations and the revenue is up 25% higher than the past 10 years at same time.
- Tent is up, painted the buildings and the garage with the crews so looks great. The Oyster Festival Committee donated the flower baskets for the Memorial Bridge.
- Public Works installed LED lighting from the Bridge along the waterfront of the Landing and looks great.
- Electrician finished the electricity at the Boat Ramp, the grounds have been restored and improved and the Attendant will be back on the weekends.
- A review of the events upcoming and the changes to some of them, noting no Oyster Festival Friday night at the Landing, will be in Fowler Field and the possible early closing of the Boat Ramp on June 26<sup>th</sup> for the Fireworks Display. He will make sure the public is notified.
- Jim Donegan reported on the balances in the accounts and referred to the budget printout.
 

Checking:	\$ 120,613.96
Savings:	<u>\$ 271,091.82</u>
Total:	\$ 391,705.88
- Worked with Health Department to open the restrooms to the public.

**Harbormaster Report:** *Bruce Kuryla*

- The Army Core of Engineers completed the "Suitability Determination" (OK for Milford dredged material to be barged to the Central Long Island Disposal Site), also outer federal channel material to be used for beneficial re-use,( Bayview Beach) was completed on December 12, 2019 !! He read into the record the following:

The environmental work for Milford Harbor is progressing. The team has drafted the environmental assessment and it is currently under review as of today. There will be a few weeks for the review and incorporating comments. Our next step is a presentation to the Long Island Sound Regional Dredge Team; which will be scheduled once the draft is complete. After this meeting, assuming there are no issues, coordination with the agencies would be able to commence.

**Deputy Harbormaster Report:** *Lee Henchman*

- 100% paid and there are two deep water moorings available in Row A, however, they require Helix installation, so he lets anyone inquiring the cost for the helix \$1800 and tackle \$750 so they are aware.
- Caswell Cove – Popes Island – No Wake signs. Harbor Commission and Mayor Blake need to sign off and the Harbor Commission in Stratford along with their Mayor support the signage and enforcement so it will be then sent to DEEP. Enforcement is up to police and should slow down the boats as well as prevention of possible grounding of boats in the shallow area near Popes Island.

**Permit Reviews:** *J.Donegan*

*22 Blair Street – Pre-submission Consultation Form – The applicant is requesting to build new home where previous home existed. The property does not directly front the marsh. J. Nevin made a motion to approve with R. Kirmaier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

*0 Edgewater Place – Certificate of Permission – They are looking to maintain what is there on the shorefront, restore the floating docks, maintaining the same footprint. After review, J. Nevin made a motion to approve with N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Lisman Landing:** None

**Finance:** *See Director's Report*

**Nominating:** None

**Harbor and Mooring:** None

**Housatonic:** None

**Amendments:** *R. Brennan requested that the dinghy storage rates be added to the Agenda for next month.*

**Correspondence:** None

Old Business:

**Channel and Dredging:** B. Kuryla stated he sent the Core letter to the CT Port Authority, adding that Rosa DeLauro is the Chairperson on the Ways and Means Committee and maybe she can help with the funding and push this through. Discussion ensued regarding the boats that have run aground. J. Gilbert suggested a form be created to report these and put it on the Landing Web Page.

**Port Authority and SHIPS grant:** B. Kuryla – They are focused on the larger harbors, like New London & Bridgeport

**Shellfishing:** *No update*

**Submarine:** *No update*

**Leases:** J. Donegan explained that both are signed by all parties in place. Goodies is paid in full and Scoopy Doo's pays monthly.

**Memorial Stones:** *Seeking mason for the work. B. Hayes will send him the contractor list on file in Engineering*

**Adjourn:**

R. Kirmaier made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm seconded by D. Kubek. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes  
Recorder