

**Milford Harbor Management Commission**  
**June 16, 2021**

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

Robert Brennan, Chairman  
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Bennett, Secretary  
Joseph Gilbert  
Raymond Kirmaier  
Dora Kubek  
John Nevin  
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster  
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster  
James Donegan, Operations Director  
Gregory Harla, Board of Aldermen

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

Jim Beard  
Robert Pacelli  
Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen  
Chairman Brennan called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of May 20, 2021**

A motion was made by J. Nevin and seconded by D. Kubek to approve the minutes of May 20, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**Chairman's Report:** *Robert Brennan*

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the Head of the Harbor improvements at the launch area

**Directors Report:** *James Donegan*

- Memorial Day was a washout except for some die hards, and the cancellations cost \$10,000 in lost revenue, but he added that he feels he can make it up over the course of the season.
- Pirate Day was a successful bringing in over 200 people for the pancake breakfast.
- The Marina overall has been busy during the week and weekends.
- Kayak and Paddleboard container storage is now at Walnut Beach and can hold 30 – 40 spots with direct access across the beach and cost \$125 for residents and \$150 for non residents. They are full at the boat ramp.
- Fireworks are scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup> and the Marina is sold out. There will be bands Sapphire and Rum Runners with no food or alcohol being sold in compliance with Health Department Covid restrictions.
  - D. Kubek questioned the fireworks in close proximity to the boats and safety with N. Bennett adding they are in compliance with the fire code.
- The fiscal year comes to end on June 30<sup>th</sup> and he will provide a wrap up of the yearly financials. J. Nevin questioned data on transients to the Marina with J. Donegan responded that it is much easier with Dockwa going forward.

**Harbormaster Report:** *Bruce Kuryla*

- Continues renting moorings in Milford Harbor

**Deputy Harbormaster Report:** *Lee Henschman*

- All moorings and mushrooms are in and there are 2 deep water and a variety of 3 shallow water moorings and everyone is paid

**Permit Reviews:** *None*

**Report of Standing Committees**

**Lisman Landing:** *None*

**Finance:**

Checking: \$ 113,393.32

Savings: \$ 271,114.20

Total: \$ 384,417.52

**Nominating:** *None*

**Harbor and Mooring:** *None*

**Housatonic:** *None*

**Amendments:** *None*

**Correspondence:** *J. Donegan*

*A request was received from Savin Rock Surf Shop out of West Haven to rent kayaks and paddleboards at the boat ramp for Charles Island Music Festival and the Milford Oyster Festival. Discussion ensued among the board members regarding how busy the boat ramp is on those days and suggested perhaps another site. A motion was made by J. Nevin to not allow the request with D. Kubek seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Old Business:**

20 Rogers Avenue: R. Brennan explained that they had told Mr. Laydon they would get back to him regarding items in his application that the Commission felt they could approve. R. Oliver explained that he contacted the Land Use office and Planning & Zoning and the property is currently not in compliance with several items and were last approved at this property in 2003 as the result of a lawsuit. He did explain to Land Use Office, that when the Special Permit is applied for the Harbor Commission needs to be notified within 30-45 days. This commission should not act on any permits till the property is first brought into compliance with items above the coastal jurisdiction line. N. Bennett made a motion to stand by the previous decision that the permit is not in compliance with the Harbor Management Commission Plan. R. Oliver added that is what is in our January 21<sup>st</sup> letter. N. Bennett added to uphold the commission letter of January 21, 2021. J. Nevin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Channel and Dredging- *None:*

Port Authority and SHIPS grant: *B. Kuryla – None*

Shellfishing: *No update*

Submarine: *No update*

Leases: *None*

Memorial Stones: Still have not secured a mason for the job, but keep putting out feelers and awaiting quotes and firm schedule.

**New Business:***Boat/Dinghy Storage Rates*

- *J. Donegan provided the current rates of \$125 for residents and \$175 for non-residents which they had increased last year and includes a boat ramp parking sticker. The boat ramp is sold out. Discussion ensued as to possible dingy storage on the back of the long float but it is dry and moving it would encroach on the required turning basin required. N. Bennett made a motion to go up next year \$25 on each so that would increase to \$150 for residents and \$200 for non residents. R. Oliver seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. This change is for the 2022 season. Discussion ensued regarding limiting 2 kayaks per rack space but anything over that would require another rack rental. B. Kuryla said he will let renters know when renting out the space. Dockage rates were discussed with N. Bennett making a motion to increase the weekly rates from \$12 to \$18 a foot with J. Nevin seconding the motion. Discussion ensued and the commission will wait out the season to decide for the following year. N. Bennett rescinded her motion and J. Nevin rescinded his second.*

**Adjourn:**

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm seconded by R. Kirmaier. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes  
Recorder