

## **Milford Harbor Management Commission**

June 17, 2020

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

Robert Brennan, Chairman  
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Bennett, Secretary  
James Beard  
Raymond Kirmaier  
Dora Kubek  
Robert Pacelli  
John Nevin  
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster  
Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster  
James Donegan, Operations Director  
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman  
Gregory Harla, Board of Alderman

Also present: *None*

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

Joseph Gilbert

R. Brennan, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2020**

*J. Nevin made a motion to approve the May 21, 2020 minutes with R. Kirmaier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **Public Comments:**

R. Scott Allen, 275 Oaks Island Road, Milford, CT - explained that he would like a NO WAKE sign posted between Pope's Island Road & Sand Bar near Caswell Cove Marina as there are too many speeding boats in that area. He spoke with DEEP and was told he needs a petition. Discussion ensued. B. Kurlya and L. Henchman will meet with R. Scott Allen to find the best place for a sign. Motion by R. Oliver to approve B. Kurlya & L. Henchman to locate an appropriate location for the posting of this sign. R. Kirmaier seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Chairman's Report—R. Brennan**

- Raft located off of Charles Island approximately 10x10 and has been there a while, contacted DEEP, D. Carey, on no one knows who owns it. After discussion regarding Fire & Police Boats and divers training perhaps see how anchored, and how to handle, a motion was made by N. Bennett to contact Chief Edo and ask for assistance in moving the abandoned raft off Charles Island. J. Nevin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Signs for Gulf Pond regarding Jet Skis. J. Donegan offered to contact Steven Johnson regarding this sign and Bruce added that S. Johnson has the verbiage.
- Mooring boats on the shore was discussed by the Commission as there are many along the shore acknowledging that a permit may not be required. B. Kurlya says riparian rights are a gray area noting that one breaking loose is a concern. DEEP permits non-commercial mooring permits. The river has them too.

- D. Carey was contacted regarding the woman from UCONN doing study on Shellfishing, noting that she will not have the report ready before the end of the year.
- Larger boats 46 ft. or larger and the whether the docks, moorings shackles & helixes could handle them. Discussion on size of docks and what size boats they typically allow. B. Kuryla acknowledged that the northern seaflexes are getting worse and hoping to replace during dredging. Perhaps hire a firm such as RACE to calculate the strength of the Helix and Seaflex for maximum boat size.

#### **Director's Report –James Donegan**

- Seasonal staff is back. They have a presence over at the Boat Ramp to issue ramp passes from 9-5
- Memorial Day picked up at end of weekend for booking ; Pirate Date was cancelled
- Public Works put the flag halliards and the brush was removed from the Coast Guard property.
- Re-activated the FaceBook page for the Harbor to get word out about slips available and reach over 600 people
- He had Bev send out the Contract verbiage for commercial and non-commercial dockage. B. Kuryla went over the document with him and he asked the commission for comments. Discussion ensued about what additions/corrections are needed for the document and the cost of the electricity and if the charge covers the actual usage. Commerical slips (4) are tied to the Harbor Management Plan. The fees will be reviewed more closely this coming year so that if changes are required they can accomplish this before the beginning of next years renewals. Other items in the budget were discussed and Waste Removal Services for the dumpster at the landing and Scoopy Doos – why doesn't the City handle this ? J. Donegan to look into. Depreciation Expense. Also the rental income, which should come to the landing is Scoopy Doo s, Boat Works and Gulf Beach Stand noting that Fred Lisman promised Gulf Beach funds to the Harbor. R. Vitali added that Parks & Recreation gets the rental income from Gulf Beach Stand. They need to look at the rental amounts for these to make sure they are market competitive.

#### **Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya**

- 128 Harbor Moorings with 8 open, 21 not paid. He has called some people, however, no response. Also 34 of them have not sent in their registration and insurance noting that they have no penalty for this.

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

- 57 of the 59 moorings are paid and these are just the feasible deep water moorings. There are 9 southeast that are 3 ft. Deep and could only accommodate a small boat. The typical people he has to chase for registration and the insurance.

#### **Permit Reviews– R. Brennan - None**

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

Lisman Landing(Ray Oliver, John Nevin)–None

Finance(Bob Brennan, Nancy Bennett) – J. Donegan

Checking \$ 61,919.43

Savings \$ 270,828.18

Total \$ 332,747.61

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– B. Kuryla – *Corps tells him they are working on and getting close*

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – *None*

Shellfishing -*None*

Submarine –*None*

**New Business:**

- Town Dock Signs - N. Bennett expressed concern about the signage missing from the Town Dock about no parking on the dock and also no swimming off the dock. This is very dangerous because of electricity and water, very important these get replaced. J. Donegan will speak with Steven Johnson about these signs .

**Liaisons-Stratford** – *None*

**Alderman**–*None*

**Planning & Zoning** - *None*

**Motion to Adjourn**

D. Kubek made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm seconded by J. Nevin and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:17 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes

Recorder