

## **Milford Harbor Management Commission**

June 19, 2019

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

Robert Brennan, Chairman  
Nancy Bennett, Secretary  
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman  
Raymond Kirmaier  
Dora Kubek  
Ray Swift, Operations Director  
John Nevin  
Robert Pacelli  
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster  
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

Also present: *None*

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

James Beard  
Joseph Gilbert  
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman  
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 May 16, 2019**

*N. Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2019 seconded by R. Oliver and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Public Comments:** *None*

### **Chairman's Report—R. Brennan-**

- The boat ramp and parking lot located off Naugatuck Avenue is finished. B. Kurlya sent picture to commission last week.

### **Director's Report —R. Swift**

- They are off to a good start with many scheduled activities using the Milford Landing. The event coordinators always leave the property looking as if they were never there. He ran the Father's Day weekend where he gives a 2 for 1 night stay which filled the marina up nicely. Kick off to summer, a two day event with food trucks, bands and fireworks, is another great event coming up. This past month he had visitors from Minnesota and Maine who commented on what a GEM Milford and the Landing is. Article in NY Times on the table for anyone to read if not done already.
- Very happy with the groundskeeper he hired and invited the Commission to see the Rose Garden. The plants are all in and 25 yards of mulch has been put down. Place looks great.
- R. Brennan mentioned the Eagle Scout project to rebuild the bulletin board at the Ramp. R. Swift was contacted by S. Johnson about it.
- Sterling Marine is conducting mooring field inspection and has found that some of the older C-Flexes are going to be in need of replacement. They shortened them for now as a fix. Hopefully they can be replaced during the dredging project. Sterling Marine is also putting a seal on the edges of the planks.
- State has inspected the pump out for this year

**Harbormaster's Report-** B. Kurlya – See CT Port Authority -SHIPPS Grant

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

- 2 deep water moorings are available and there is no one on the waiting list.

### **Permit Reviews – R. Brennan**

- Fisheries have an application for oyster cages on the west side of Charles Island – there is nothing the commission needs to act on.

### **Report of Standing Committees**

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

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

*Checking \$ 105,045.80*

*Savings \$ 270,331.99*

*Total \$ 375,377.79*

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:**

- Anonymous letter of complaint regarding light trespass from Spencer's Marina.

### **Old Business:**

Channel and Anchorage Dredging– *See SHIPPS Grant*

Ct. Port Authority– SHIPPS Grant – B. Kurlya - Met with J. Nash and Ray to discuss the items for the grant. After contacting the state with some of our projects, it was decided to submit for the dredging of the inner and outer harbor which additionally requires the removal and the replacement of the helix anchors to accomplish this, so that was submitted as well. They submitted the application before the June 12<sup>th</sup> deadline. The problem is we were informed that the money cannot be given to us unless the project is permitted. The state has been sampling. It has been suggested we hire a consultant to get this done by resolution. *R. Oliver made a motion for a resolution to hire a consultant to expedite the permitting process for the dredging, with J. Nevin seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.* Discussion ensued as to modified sampling to include the homeowners on the other side of the harbor.

Also the Port Authority will be coming in July, possibly the 26<sup>th</sup> to see the decking project from the last SHIPPS Grant.

Shellfishing - *None*

Submarine – Brian from Public Works finished work on the submarine, however, the water that may be inside was not drained, so the plan is to ask if Public Works will drill hole underneath to release the water  
Blue Plan Initiative –R. Brennan stated that B. Kurlya and R. Oliver joined him in attending the meeting at City Hall on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Ecological areas, traffic counts around the sound not sure how useful to the commission. It is available online

**New Business:** *None*

**Liaisons-Stratford** – *None*

**Alderman**– *None*

**Planning & Zoning - *None***

**Motion to Adjourn**

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm seconded by D. Kubek and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:41 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes  
Recorder