

Milford Harbor Management Commission

June 21, 2018

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

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

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Joseph Gilbert
John Nevin

Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman
Raymond Vitali, 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 17, 2018

J. Beard made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2018 seconded by R. Kirmaier and carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- See Permit Reviews

Director's Report — R. Swift

- Great Memorial Day to end the financial for fiscal year. All major events are fully booked.
- Patio furniture and umbrellas are in
- Full crew, 3 from past and 6 new
- RWA replace the water line on Helwig Street, so will be on temporary water line for summer beginning after July 9th and taking 6-8 weeks.
- Point and Pay Credit Card system is up and running and should make easier to manage at this end.
- New financial system going in and receiving training at this time.

Harbormaster's Report—B. Kurlya

- Has 6-7 openings for small boats and 2 large all under 30 ft.
- DEEP and Coast Guard wants kayaks identifiable via sticker, however the marker written information does not stay on and it is voluntary at this time. Perhaps change something in the Harbor Plan regarding identification.
- Boating Infrastructure Grant — \$13 million is available from the Federal Government and is managed by DEEP for various items in harbor. Could apply for \$30,000-\$90,000. The use of the monies is restricted, so if Commission can come up with ideas for use of funds they could apply for the grant.

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henschman

- There are 3 open spots.
- When Cashmen dredged the Housatonic last year, several helixes are gone for three owners. They want to send letters to Cashman, however, Lee mentioned that perhaps he could contact them on their behalf. Discussion ensued and it was decided that Lee make a call to Cashman.

Permit Reviews

- Application by CT DOT to DEEP for permit for Turtle Creek located on New Haven Avenue. Commission reviewed with N. Bennett making a motion to approve and R. Kirmaier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing—None

Finance— R. Swift –

Checking \$ 106,658.96

Savings \$ 269,791.86

Total \$ 376,450.82

Nominating Committee – None

Harbor & Mooring - None

Housatonic – None

Amendments - None

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Pond dredging update – R. Brennan stated looking to work on east side of pond behind City Hall.

Channel Dredging – B. Kurlya - Army Core is here for 3 days taking sample, approximate cost around \$200,000. They are working on whole harbor, anchorage and channel – not sure what they will dredge.

Ct. Port Authority – SHIPPS Grant – B. Kurlya stated we received the funds and will begin work on Monday thru Thursday schedule.

Shellfishing - B Pacelli opened discussion that he needed guidance from Commission regarding how to approach a draft for their review. Under CGS 22a-113(k)(b) the Harbor Commission may include a Shellfish Commission within its jurisdiction. Recommend BOA Ordinance Committee be presented with an ordinance to incorporate a Shell Fish Commission as part of the Harbor Commission with all the authority residing for handling Shell Fish Commission issues as part of the normal business of the Harbor Commission. Also recommend changes to the definitions in the Harbor Plan, Shellfishing falls under Natural Resources, and add an Article 8 to revise the Harbor Commission Plan Ordinances and establish shellfish rules and regulations with approval of the BOA. The BOA has the ultimate authority regarding all changes. B. Pacelli to work with the other committee members, R. Kirmaier and R. Oliver to present to this Commission. Then invite Shellfisherman for their input as well as BOA Liaisons before it is sent to City Attorney and BOA.

New Business: None

Liaisons-Stratford – None

Alderman— None

Planning & Zoning - None

Motion to Adjourn

J. Beard made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm seconded by R. Oliver and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:17 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder