

**Milford Harbor Management Commission**  
**August 16, 2018**

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

Robert Brennan, Chairman  
Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Bennett, Secretary  
Raymond Kirmaier  
John Nevin  
Robert Pacelli  
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster  
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster  
Ray Swift, Operations Director  
Raymond Vitali, Board of Alderman

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

James Beard  
Joseph Gilbert  
Dora Kubek  
Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman

Before the meeting was called to order, Ray Swift suggested we take a walk and look at the progress on the redecking of the marina floats. All agreed that the work looks very good.

R. Brennan, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm

**Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 19, 2018**

John Nevin made a motion that was seconded by Ray Oliver to accept the minutes as presented. Passed with a unanimous vote.

**Public Comments:** None

**Chairman's Report – R. Brennan**

Bob reported that he met with the Mayor to bring him up to date on the progress with the establishment of a Shellfishing Commission. The Mayor is looking forward to seeing the guidelines but reminded us that the final decision is up to the Board of Alderman.

**Director's Report – Ray Swift**

Lobster Bake weekend was a great success – sold out. The Oyster Festival is coming up this weekend and the place is fully reserved. Reservations are coming in steadily for the Irish Festival. Sadly the weekends between these big event weekends have included bad weather and that has a direct negative impact on our reservations.

The new patio furniture has arrived. Getting lots of positive reviews. One of the nice improvements with the new furniture is that the seating is attached to the tables which makes keeping the patio organized much easier. Furniture doesn't "wander" to a new location overnight.

The redecking has started and will continue. Ray commented that it is a very positive thing to be working with a local contractor as they are working together to avoid the busy weekend traffic in the marina (working Monday – Thursday). It's also helpful that as potential issues are discovered during the redecking (electrical for example) that we have the opportunity to make these repairs.

Beverly Hayes has spent a little time with Ray familiarizing him with the new City computer system. The additional computer duties will most likely mean that Ray will have to put someone on the payroll for a few hours a week to process paperwork. He will explore this possibility.

Ray paid a visit to the Community Development Office. They are administering the grant money for the redecking which is a big help.

Ray reported that in one and a half weeks, most of his summer help will be returning to college. There are two employees who are attending college locally so with their help he should be able to stay staffed until Columbus Day when we shut down for the season.

**Harbormaster's Report – Bruce Kuryla**

We have received three truckloads of the wood for the redecking. One more to go.

Chairman Brennan inquired on how many open moorings we have. B. Kuryla states 7, in a variety of sizes. When asked if we should consider changing the sizes of some of the moorings he stated that we were able to accommodate all size requests this year. No changes required.

One issue that will need attention before next season is the need for more kayak and dinghy space at the launch ramp. Perhaps moving the racks from Gulf Beach and Walnut Beach (which are empty) might alleviate part of the issue.

**Deputy Harbormaster – L. Henchman**

Presented layout of the final mooring field for the Housatonic for display at Lisman Landing.

**Permit Reviews**

There were two Certificates of Permission for our review. One from Thomas Bach of 0 Smith Avenue for seawall repair and one from Scott Thompson of 6-10 Stowe Ave for seawall repair. There were no comments and both were approved.

**Report of Standing Committees:**

Milford Landing – none

Finance – R. Swift - no report

Nominating – none

Harbor and Mooring – none

Housatonic – none

Amendments – none

**Correspondence:**

R Brennan was contacted by the Norwalk Shellfish commission regarding any paperwork the MHMC may have on file regarding the high power lines crossing the Housatonic. Although some members had knowledge of the maintenance that occurred to these lines, we do not appear to have any paperwork on file.

**Old Business:**

Pond Dredging – All done, looks amazing.

Channel Dredging – no news

Shellfishing Subcommittee will be meeting next week. In the interim, Ray Oliver provided us with some guidelines which have been gleaned from other Shellfish Commissions. He asked that if anyone has any comments or suggestions to please let the commission know.

**New Business:**

R. Vitali questioned whether anyone knew of any progress on the proposed work on Gulf St or the boardwalk proposal. There has been no news.

L. Henchman reported that the dredging permit for Housatonic Boat Club has been denied by DEEP. As they have a severe need for the dredging (boats and docks high and dry at low tide) and a considerable investment in testing and permits, they will obviously be appealing this decision.

There being no further business, our meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Nancy Bennett  
Secretary