

**Milford Harbor Management Commission**  
**August 17, 2022**

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

Robert Brennan, Chairman  
Joseph Gilbert, Vice Chairman  
Nancy Bennett, Secretary  
Raymond Kirmaier  
Dylan Mark  
Richard Preneta  
Dora Kubek  
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster  
James Donegan, Operations Director  
Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen  
Gregory Harla, Board of Aldermen

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

Jim Beard  
John Nevin  
Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of July 20, 2022**

A motion was made by R. Kirmaier and seconded by N. Bennett to approve the minutes of July 20, 2022, with a correction by J. Gilbert. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** - *None*

**Chairman's Report:** Robert Brennan

- Ray Oliver Fishing Pier dedication next month.
- Bathrooms at the Landing needs to be updated. J. Donegan to speak with the mayor.
- City Land Use Department received a complaint regarding 30 Rogers Avenue having more than 9 boats. This is the old DiPietro property.
- Lobster Bake – Milford Landing was not the best location for this event.
- Trespassing will be address in Director's report.

**Directors Report:** James Donegan

- Memorial Plaque for Ray Oliver – “Ray S. Oliver Fishing Pier – In Memory of its Architect and a Man who loved to Fish” has been sent out to Milford Monument and dates for dedication will be provided to the Commission.
- Three break- ins at the Landing including Scoopy Doos. All is caught on security cameras and have been reported to the Milford Police Department for investigation. He continued that he met with J&J Security to go over best system that will work at the Landing. Also

at the boat ramp, two paddleboards were stolen, and this is the first reported incident in the three years it has been there. It was noted that they were not locked.

- Full swing for the Oyster Festival, no Oyster Eve at the Landing, however, the next day is full of events, bands, food trucks and craft beer. Email blast went out to Marina reservations to let them know that the parking lot is closed on Saturday.
- Staff is full for Oyster Festival; however, some will be returning to school and it is a busy next two months, with South Norwalk Boat Club, Irish fest, October Fest winding up with Columbus Day.

**Harbormaster Report:** Bruce Kuryla - *None*

**Deputy Harbormaster Report:** Lee Henschman

- Bayview Beach Improvement Association and working on the Bayview Heights for the Swim Buoys Permit which both require renewal and added that he is developing a good working relationship with Yolanda at DEEP.
- New helix installed in the Housatonic River and 2 of them in Milford
- Caswell Cove No Wake signage – Stratford is not participating, and ordinance will need to be passed so will make it way through approvals, Mayor and Fire have signed it and it will go before the BOA Ordinance Committee and then for approval by Board of Alderman.

**Permit Reviews:** None

**Report of Standing Committees:**

**Lisman Landing:** *None*

**Finance:** James Donegan – Monthly financials were sent out and he explained that FY 2022 is just wrapping up and FY 2023 is not depicted in the financials yet.

Checking:	\$ 251,251.72
Savings:	<u>\$ 271,452.37</u>
Total:	\$ 522,704.09

**Nominating:** *None.*

**Harbor and Mooring:** *None*

**Housatonic:** *None*

**Amendments:** *D. Kubek offered to help with the Harbor Management Plan editing with J. Donegan offering assistance too. J. Gilbert & L. Henschman proposed ideas on how to tackle the Harbor Management Plan. Discussion ensued. R. Brennan suggested everyone make edits so this will go smoothly. J. Donegan suggested Jeff Steadman, a consultant who has assisted in the writing of other harbor plans can guide us through the process. Looking into what this may cost.*

**Shellfishing:** *R. Brennan – we have been waiting for the University of Connecticut report on Shellfishing for guidance and it is almost 2 years now. J. Gilbert offered his expertise in this field and discussion ensued on how to address Gulf Pond to preserve the natural resource.*

**Correspondence:** *J. Donegan received anonymous complaint regarding Peddleboat. He did notify the operators of the Peddleboat. Discussion ensued. He added that he has also received lots of positive feedback and will be transparent with the owners. The peddleboat will be running during the Oyster Festival and worked with the Festival Committee to provide shorter excursions.*

**Old Business:**

20 Rogers Avenue – Nothing to report

Channel and Dredging- - J. Donegan – *USACE informed him the dredging will not be done this winter more like the winter of 2023/2024 and he requested the results of the depths.*

Port Authority and SHIPS GRANT: B. Kuryla – *Nothing to report*

Memorial Plaques - J. Donegan – *A mason has cut the stone and has to be laid in, but the flowers will need to be removed and he is looking at doing the work in October.*

Housatonic River Dive Inspection Requirements – L. Henchman - *Would like to draft letter to mooring holders regarding inspection requirements. J. Donegan to work with L. Henchman and get it out the commission for review so they can vote on it before it goes out. Discussion ensued regarding the way the Housatonic River shifts and the cost of the moorings.*

New Projects: *None*

**New Business:**

**Liaisons:** Stratford- *None*

**Alderman** – *None*

**Adjourn:**

N. Bennett made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm seconded by D. Kubek. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes  
Recorder