

Milford Harbor Management Commission

August 19, 2020

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Brennan, Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
James Beard
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Robert Pacelli
Bruce Kuryla, 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:

Ray Oliver, Vice Chairman
Joseph Gilbert

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 2020

N. Bennett made a motion to approve the July 15, 2020 minutes with D. Kubek seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—R. Brennan

- Met with J. Donegan to discuss moving forward with the memorial bricks
- Complaint regarding Port Milford boats exiting through the seaflexes instead of North.
- Charles Island Music Fest occurred without the Commission being made aware of it. There was no DEEP Permit taken for the barge that the bands played on and there were close to 500 boats and 100 kayakers/paddleboarders as well.
- Signage at the end of High Street for no parking have been installed. The signs have been installed on the Gulf Street Bridge, however, they still need to install the signs visible from the water for entering Gulf Pond.
- Sidewalks along Helwig Street are looking good

Director's Report – James Donegan

- All Commercial Boat Contracts are received, and the monies deposited
- Storm did no harm at Harbor, took tent down and put back up 24 hours later
- Increased transient boaters have been coming during week
- Sent out financials to Commission on Monday explaining that final expenses are finishing up for the last fiscal year.
- Spoke with R. Brennan about the memorial bricks explaining that he has all the removed plaques from donors of trees and some names of past commission members and would like to go over the

list with someone more familiar. J. Nevin offered to work with R. Oliver to verify the names of the commissioners and Jim will get updated pricing. He has also identified an area the is currently not developed on the site which should be a good location for the Memorial Garden.

- Regarding the Seaflexes, Rich Winkepaw, was contacted about the strength of the Seaflexes with 22 lbs per band with an additional limiter providing 44,000 lbs with an 85% stretch and then the company is providing a conservative calculation assuming they are all in good condition

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kuryla

- Port Milford boaters are not using North/South fairways. /coming out instead they are going through the Seaflexes. They need to know they are responsible for the cost to repair the damage.
- Army Core has new director Mark Cutter, 30 years with Coast Guard out of Boston and he has been notified that we are anxious for the dredging to occur
- Port Authority has a new director, John Henshaw

Deputy Harbormaster's Report - L. Henchman

- DOT Railroad Bridge is going to be closed Sept 8 – Oct 20th weekly and then again on Oct 26 – Dec 7 but open on weekends and he will send out blast emails to members regarding the closures as many store their boats up a Beacon Point
- Illegal boat in mooring field and owner was contacted that they cannot sublet out the moorings.
- Followed up on No Wake Signs with Scott Allen,. I found out from Audubon that the signs were made by DEEP. He will work with Stratford, partial owner of Popes Island, to get the signs made up and posted at the North and South End. Caswell Cove will pay for the signs. Discussion ensued regarding Jet Skis on the River and Boats flying through Milford Harbor.
- Have one boat on the waiting list for a mooring

Permit Reviews – R. Brennan - None

Report of Standing Committees

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

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

Checking \$ 99,116.35

Savings \$ 270,911.81

Total \$ 370,028.16

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 – R. Brennan expressed concern over an area that shoaling has gotten very bad near north end of Milford Boat Works just before you get to Lisman Landing, but B. Kuryla responded that the area from D Field to the Marina, is part of the unsuitable soil and is not part of this project.

Ct. Port Authority – SHIPPS Grant – *None*

Shellfishing – *None*

Submarine – *None*

Leases – *J. Donegan stated that \$19,297 has been received for the leases and deposited to the Harbor Accounts. Discussion ensued regarding renewals of the leases and he will follow up with on getting copies of the actual current leases.*

New Business: *None*

Liaisons-Stratford – *None*

Alderman– *None*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm seconded by D. Kubek and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:43 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes

Recorder