

Milford Harbor Management Commission
September 15, 2022

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

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

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Vacant, Harbormaster
Raymond Vitali, Board of Aldermen

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

Consideration of the minutes of the regular Meeting of August 17, 2022

A motion was made by J. Gilbert and seconded by N. Bennett to approve the minutes of August 17, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: - *None*

Chairman's Report: Robert Brennan

A Moment of Silence in Honor of Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster.

- Postpone memorial for Ray Oliver to the Spring
- Bathroom renovations at the landing were discussed with Mayor and he was receptive to the project.
- Pavilion popularity – discussion ensued as to calendar, scheduling and covering costs at the landing as well as parking limits.
- Harbor Management Plan – discussion on cost of consultant, not a total re-write and lots of knowledge on the Commission to tackle it. J. Donegan suggested waiting till we get other plans to compare this one to.

Directors Report: James Donegan

- Marina very busy every weekend through Columbus Day Weekend. Arts council had event here under the Pavilion.
- Dock Crews are all back at school, however, some staff for weekends.
- Mooring Field now 99% full and may need to go to waiting list but will see how renewals go.
- Grounds are in good shape.

Harbormaster Report: - None

Deputy Harbormaster Report: Lee Henschman

- Bayview Heights & Bayview Association permits with DEEP regarding swim buoy. Yolanda Cooley will be coming out for site visit. She is very responsive. The Commission would like to invite her to the Landing to see all the improvements.
- Caswell Cove no wake signs at DEEP too.
- Mooring inspections bid – need to send letters out. Inspections are part of the Harbor Plan.
- Seven boats for sale in the mooring field – see what happens. Seven helix's went in, some old and some new. They cost \$2,350 a piece and privately owned.

Permit Reviews: None

Report of Standing Committees:

Lisman Landing: None

Finance: James Donegan – *The large insurance payment was paid in full for the year, that is the reduction in the account.*

Checking:	\$ 213,555.93
Savings:	<u>\$ 271,476.91</u>
Total:	\$ 485,032.84

Nominating: None.

Harbor and Mooring: None

Housatonic: None

Amendments: None

Shellfishing: None

Correspondence: J. Donegan - Mayor received letter from Norwalk Boat Club regarding their recent stay and how they enjoyed the City of Milford Landing and downtown.

Old Business:

20 Rogers Avenue – *Nothing to report*

Channel and Dredging- *USACE inquired about upland disposal going out to bid after the first of the year.*

Port Authority and SHIPS GRANT: *Nothing to report*

Memorial Plaques - *J. Donegan explained that in October they will begin work on it.*
Housatonic River Dive Inspection Requirements – *The bid needs to be created*
New Projects: *None*

J. Gilbert inquired as to how the Lobster Bake went? R. Brennan cited parking issues and very crowded. Makes more sense to have at Fowler Field due to size and parking, however, they did a really good job but the logistics was a problem. J. Donegan added that they were able to operate normally at the Landing. R. Brennan suggested they talk over winter private verse public areas.

New Business: *None*

Executive Session to discuss the Harbormaster vacancy.

J. Beard made a motion at 7:33 to go into Executive Session with N. Bennett seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

J. Nevin made a motion at 7:54 to come out of Executive Session with J. Beard seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

After coming out of the executive session a motion was made and seconded to recommend Jim Donegan, Lee Henchman and John Nevin as the three candidates to send to Governor Lamont for the Harbor Master position. The motion carried unanimously.

Liaisons: Stratford- *None*

Alderman – *None*

Adjourn:

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm seconded by R. Kirmaier. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hayes
Recorder