

Milford Harbor Management Commission

August 18, 2016

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

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

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Brian Bier, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman

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

Consideration of Minutes of July 21, 2016

J. Nevin made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2016 seconded by R. Brennan. B. Kurlya noted that a correction regarding the 2 kayak racks at Gulf & Walnut each hold 5 kayaks not 10. The motion carried unanimously as amended.

Public Comments: none

Chairman's Report– R. Post

- Town Dock – Public Works was supposed to cut bottom rung off of ladder. He will follow-up.
- Fishing – no casting toward any vessel signs will be posted on the town dock.
- Both E.P.A. and the Corps have approved Long Island Sound Dredging Material Management Plan. New York is planning to file a suit against the eastern site.
- Moorings- we had a failure with one of the Seaflex to Helix attachments, dock was secured and emergency lines were attached between all floats until divers could inspect all the moorings within the Harbor.

B. Kurlya made a presentation regarding the condition of the Moorings. An inspection was conducted and found that some of the galvanized parts are corroding. They have put safety measures in place to secure the moorings until they can determine how bad the problem is. One of them failed out of the +-65 in place. R. Swift added that everything is secured with lines as precaution until they get a report from the inspector. B. Post added that they would await the report and then make an assessment on what we have to do. R. Swift added that the inspection costs are close to \$15,600, \$240 each anchor, so any solution to the problem will require Board of Alderman Budget transfer. J. Beard added that this is a good time to make the investment as the Harbor just was dredged. R. Swift added that we are in good financial shape.

Director's Report – R. Swift

- The Season has been slow, not as many power boats, not the usual traffic, however, the Marina is full for the Oyster Festival. Could be the weather and the age of the boaters. Weekend after Labor Day – group of 20-30 boaters, Polish American Sailing Club. Irish Festival after that.
- Oyster Landing is dredging October 3rd and he has offered space for a nominal fee so there is some revenue from that.

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya

- Five open moorings
- He attended and represented Milford at the New London press conference regarding dredging - small group from Long Island is mainly opposed to the Eastern Long Island Sound Disposal Site.

Permit Reviews– R. Post

- Port Milford is applying for a C.O.P. to repair their bulkhead.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing–none

Finance– R. Swift

Savings \$ 268,802.35
Checking \$ 188,262.66
Total \$ 457,065.01

- 2015-2016 Fiscal year figures – still in the black
 - \$270,409.36 expensed
 - \$261,153.67 income
 - \$9,255.69 more that we took in
 - Spent \$30,000 on the patio repair
 - Depreciation \$20,450.
- Holding off on furniture till get Mooring Fields taken care of.

Harbor & Mooring-B. Kurlya

- See Chairman's report

Housatonic, Amendments- Lee Henschman

- A Mooring Field map was presented which depicts the depth and the dates of mooring maintenance. He added that the club charges each mooring member \$48 a year which is for the dive inspection of each mooring field.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

Memorial Plaque – B. Post said he would like to replace plaques with bricks. An area was suggested and R. Swift will look on the internet for them a perhaps a light to shine on them at night.

Pond Dredging – scheduled to go to bid in the fall.

Housatonic River Dredging-Army Core done with review moved onto DEEP, 300,000 yards going to Hammonasset Beach. L. Henschman is concerned about how this will affect the mooring fields. B. Kurlya has contact for person working on this. B. Kurlya added that they will submit the coordinates for the

mooring fields to get on the record for the file. R. Post added that the Railroad Bridge would be shut down periodically during this fall. The Coast Guard will issue a Notice to Mariners will be issued.

New Business:

Mooring Inspections/Repair- see Chairman's report

Liaisons-Stratford – none

Alderman– none

Motion to Adjourn

R. Kirmaier made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 seconded by J. Nevin and carried unanimously. The meeting closed a 7:45 p.m.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder