

## **Milford Harbor Management Commission**

August 20, 2015

### **Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:**

Nancy Bennett  
Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman  
John Nevin  
Jim Beard  
Ray Kirmaier  
Robert Pacelli  
Robert Post, Chairman  
Bruce Kuryla, Harbor  
Ray Swift, Operations Director

### **Also in attendance:**

Bryan Anderson, Alderman

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

Al Waterman  
Ray Oliver  
Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster  
Brian Bier, Board of Alderman  
Nick Veccharelli Board of Alderman

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

### **Consideration of minutes from July 16, 2015**

The minutes from the July 16 meeting were passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments:** *none*

### **Chairman's Report– R. Post**

NOAA will be holding their annual Open House on 10/17 from 9 am – 1 pm.

We received a copy of the COP for the work to install the Oyster farming apparatus at the Fisheries. Bruce reported that it has already been installed.

We received a copy of a draft permit for intake and discharge pump at the Federal NOAA facility.

The derelict docks at the end of Harborview Ave reported last month by J. Nevin have been removed. New docks are going in.

R. Post got a copy of a Public Notice from the Army Corps of Engineers about a Dredged Material Management Plan. There are a number of public hearings and the comment period closes on September 18, 2015

A permit was received for the dredge project at the Housatonic power station.

The State recently passed a new bill stating that effective October 1, 2015 the operator must be 16 years old if engaged in towing, skiing and tubing an endorsement is required on boating license issued after Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chris Murphy is holding a breakfast meeting next Friday morning at the Senior Center. It appears a number of harbor commission members were invited.

R. Post had a communication from Ross Hatfield of Stratford asking for a \$500 donation to the Riverlight Parade in Stratford. The request was denied.

#### **Director's Report – R. Swift**

Things have been busy at Lisman Landing. Three big weekends for summer went very smoothly. Lobster Bake weekend, South Norwalk Boat Club visit and Oyster Festival. All three weekends were sold out.

R. Swift reported that this was the smoothest Oyster Festival weekend in his memory. There was one employee injured on Sunday afternoon as he was fending off a boat and sustained a broken wrist, he received the appropriate medical attention and now is sporting a cast. R. Swift turned the case over to the City's Risk Manager.

Ray will lose his staff for weekdays on August 27<sup>th</sup> when Milford Public Schools open for the year. He will be on site until 3 during the week and then the kids are available after school and on the weekends through Columbus Day weekend.

He reported that he was very happy with the staff this year. Felt it was the best group he has had.

#### **Harbormaster's Report- B. Kuryla**

B. Kuryla reported that he had a discussion with ACOE regarding the dredging at the mouth of the harbor. They have identified a nearshore disposal site off Bayview. The Currituck is penciled in for work this fall, DEEP permitting process comes next.

#### **Permit Reviews– B. Post**

None other than the ones mentioned above in the Chairman's report

#### **Report of Standing Committees**

##### Milford Landing– R. Swift

No further report

##### Finance– R. Swift

Checking        \$202,219.49

Harbor Management Fund \$268,267.60

Total        \$470,487.09

##### Harbor & Mooring- none

##### Housatonic, Amendments- none

#### **Correspondence: none**

#### **Old Business:**

Pond Dredging – B. Anderson reported that he had not heard of any decisions yet but that there were 3 options being debated. City is also trying to obtain funding for this project. Again it was noted that the Pond behind Stonebridge and the Fire Station is not mentioned on the plan. This pond will have the largest impact on what goes to Milford Harbor and should be included in the plan for dredging.

**New Business:**

J. Beard mentioned that the submarine could use a coat of paint. R. Swift will bring up to Public Works.

Chris Saley has it on his radar to install a low safety fence near the submarine. The ground does fall away falling steeply from the path so it was agreed this is a good idea.

The repair to the patio remains on the schedule to be done this fall by Public Works.

Ray Kirmaier reported that he had invited the State Representatives to our September meeting. P. Staneski, K. Rose, C. Ferraro, G. Schlossberg. Ray is collecting questions to submit to them ahead of time.

Nancy Bennett  
Secretary