

Milford Harbor Management Commission
July 16, 2015

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Post, Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Raymond Kirmaier
John Nevin
Ray Oliver
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

James Beard
Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman
Robert Pacelli
Alan Waterman
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Brian Bier, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli Board of Alderman

R. Post, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Consideration of Minutes of June 18, 2015

N. Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2015 seconded by R. Oliver and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report – *R. Post*

- R. Post explained that R. Kirmaier brought his attention the state budget and the creation of the Connecticut Port Authority which refers to all harbors and the new reporting structure. The Board discussed having our state representatives come to the September Commission meeting so they could answer questions. R. Kirmaier suggested everyone take a look at the document and put together a list of questions they could have them address. R. Kirmaier stated that he would get the invite out.

Director's Report – *R. Swift*

- Fireworks on July 2nd was a big success and supposed to be even bigger next year. There were crowds here early to see the various bands and the food trucks were sold out. They filled the marina that night. The only concern is that they needed more port-o-lets.
- Lobster bake is next event followed by Oyster Festival
- The grounds are in great shape and the crew is outstanding.
- Had to reposition a marker which was dragged by a boat. J. Nevin added that the 4 speed buoys in the channel are working.
- The Patio is not forgotten by Public Works, it is on hold till after Columbus Day.

Harbormaster's Report- *B. Kurlya*

- L. Henchman stated that there are four people on the waiting list and the last two moorings damaged by storm are in.

Permit Reviews– R. Post

- Seaweed Farm – Charles Island Aquaculture Draft Permit recieved from DEEP-gear may only be used from December 1st through May 1st. N. Bennett expressed dismay over the disregard for the Commission’s objection to the location.
- Fisheries – Small Agriculture Oyster Spat Collectors – Two locations, Milford Harbor and Housatonic near Nells Island. N. Bennett asked if there was any provision for marking the areas. R. Post responded that this is from DEEP however he did not receive the review form, but the commission will be able to comment on this application. He added that B. Kurlya is more familiar with the area and may have more feedback on this, however, more markers around the area would be called for.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing – none

Finance– R. Swift

<i>Savings</i>	\$ 268,222.04
<i>Checking</i>	<u>\$ 184,604.26</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$ 452,826.30

Harbor & Mooring- none

Housatonic, Amendments- L. Henchman

- Due to disregard for the required no wake areas, he will be making large no wake signs for the north and south of the Housatonic so they stand out to some of these boaters

Correspondence: R. Swift

Old Business:

- Pond Dredging Update – *None*
- Milford Harbor Federal Channel Dredging Update – *None*

New Business:

- J. Nevin expressed concern over 3 docks that may be abandoned at the end of Harborview Avenue, appearing to be unattached and could cause a hazard in the harbor. Not sure who owns but he felt a letter should go out to the owner that they are a hazard. Research is needed to find owner.
- N. Bennett and R. Oliver brought up concern for kayakers in the water at night with no lighting.

Motion to Adjourn

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn seconded by N. Bennett. The meeting closed at 7:45 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder

