

Milford Harbor Management Commission
July 20, 2017

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

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

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Robert Pacelli
Brian Bier, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman

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

Consideration of Minutes of June 15, 2017

R. Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2017 seconded by J. Beard. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report—Robert Brennan

- ☐ Nominating Committee – James Beard & Nancy Bennett will recommend a new Chairman and report next month. R. Oliver made a motion to approve with R. Kirmaier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- ☐ The Mayor will be contacted regarding the appointment of a replacement member to the commission.

Director's Report – R. Swift

- ☐ Chairman Bob Post was an asset to this commission. He was easy to work with and very attentive to details of the operation of the harbor. He put in countless hours on projects concerning the harbor and landing. He kept up with the Army Core and his follow up was incredible and a huge help to the Harbormaster. His dedication, diligence and presence will be missed by all members.
- ☐ Smooth sailing since opening, the crew is great and can handle his absence if needed. The events every weekend has been good and the clean up by Public Works has been great. Next events are Lobster Bake, they are full, and Oyster Festival.
- ☐ Comparing last year deposits on dockage to this year, there is a \$6,500 increase this year. He noted that the hourly boaters are back, come for downtown, could be the price of fuel coming down. However, we do try to keep rates reasonable. J. Beard mentioned advertising. R.

Swift responded that several restaurants give a 15% discount to those boaters docking at the landing.

- ☐ Bricks will be ordered but want payment first before shipping, so he will work with Finance to accomplish this.

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kuryla

- ☐ Nothing new on the dredging of harbor, but still working piggybacking on the Housatonic Dredging, has the coordinates and area ready and will try to get it done.

Permit Reviews– R. Brennan

- ☐ 7 Captains Walk – Certificate of Permission - replacement of bulkhead
- ☐ 21 Tremont Street – Certificate of Permission -new single family dwelling

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing–None

Finance– R. Swift

Savings \$269,297.08
Checking \$115,088.69
Total \$384,385.77

Harbor & Mooring- None

Housatonic, Amendments- L. Henchman

- ☐ Spoke with Ray and Bruce and would like to piggyback on the Housatonic dredging which would get him back 10 lost moorings. He submitted information depicting where the locations were in Row A and C and coordinates.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: B. Kurlya

- ☐ Pond Dredging – Set to begin in August. They will start at North Street Pond, City Hall Pond, Stonebridge Pond and lastly Eisenhower Park.
- ☐ Housatonic River Dredging – Scheduled for Fall.
- ☐ Channel Dredging –Army Core crew was testing, but nothing new.
- ☐ CT Port Authority–SHIPS Grant. – the decking was approved for \$395,000 and the bonding committee was scheduled for July 28th, however, the meeting was cancelled.
- ☐ Shellfishing – R. Oliver has been speaking with Dave Carey, concerning licenses for shellfishing (Sept 20 – July 20) and went over the jurisdiction and the tagging of the bags and monitoring them. We need a Shellfish Commission and the Harbor Commission can assume the role if approved by the Board of Alderman. Some of the dredging monies comes from the shellfishing so it seems reasonable to tie the two together. J. Beard made a motion to establish a Shellfish Commission to be the responsibility of the Harbor Commission, seconded by J. Nevin. The motion carried unanimously. R. Brennan will invite Aldermen Bryan Anderson and Frank Smith to next Harbor Commission meeting to discuss this and go over the jurisdictions of the Milford Beds.

New Business:None

Liaisons-Stratford – *None*

Alderman–*None*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

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

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder