

Milford Harbor Management Commission

July 21 2016

Milford Lisman Landing – Conference Room

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Present:

Robert Post, Chairman

Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman

Nancy Bennett, Secretary

Bruce Kuryla, Harbormaster

Ray Swift, Operations Director

Robert Pacelli

Board Members, Liaisons and Staff Absent:

John Nevin

Ray Oliver

Ray Kirmaier

Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

James Beard

Dora Kubek

Brian Bier, Board of Aldermen

Nick Veccharelli, Board of Aldermen

Chairman Post called the meeting to order at 7 PM

The minutes from the June 16, 2016 meeting were approved with a few minor corrections, those being the time the meeting was called to order was changed to 7 PM and both references to the amounts dredged should read cubic yards rather than yards. The minutes were passed unanimously.

Public Comments: none

Chairman's Report: Huge thanks are due to all who contributed to the completion of the dredging project done by the Currituck at the mouth of Milford Harbor. There was a great deal of positive feedback about how the dredging project proceeded and the crew was greeted warmly by all of Milford. They departed Milford on June 29 and the Coast Guard came and put the buoys back on June 30. The post dredge survey has not yet been completed and the Coast Guard may adjust the position of the buoys after the survey.

Chairman Post circulated the copy of the public notice for the Housatonic Dredging Project which is set to begin sometime this fall and will take 300,000 cubic yards of sand and relocate it to Hammonasset Beach.

The Port Authority is up and running, their website is www.portct.com and Scott Bates is their Chairperson.

Public Works will be cutting back the rotted portions of the ladders on the City Dock and deburring the ends. Research into Fire and Harbor codes shows that there is no code for the number of ladders needed on the dock.

Fishermen casting from the dock have caused damage to boats passing and moored at both Milford Boat Works and Lisman Landing. We will be working on signage to reflect the portion of the Harbor Plan that should help to educate the fisherman about casting into the federal channel or in the direction of vessels moored to a permitted structure. Bob will be sending wording out to Commission members for their review.

Director's Report:

The Landing has been very busy with larger events and quieter on those weekends without events. The Fireworks weekend was a huge success, everything went very smoothly and Ray reported that Public Works did an amazing clean-

up job, by 7 am the next morning all was back to normal. Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 1, 2017

Lobster Bake this coming weekend

Financials were not yet received from the City and the year-end report hasn't been received yet either.

The Patio came out great and Edo was down this past week with a load of stone dust to fill in some areas that needed it. Lots of compliments on the job that was done

Harbormaster: Bruce reported that the City has installed a new set of racks at the launching ramp which will accommodate 24 new spots.

The first of two sets of kayak racks have gone in at Gulf Beach at the West End of the parking lot. There will ultimately be 2 racks at both Gulf and Walnut Beaches and each rack will accommodate 10 kayaks.

There are still 5 mooring spaces available in Milford Harbor.

A gentleman named Paul Weiss reported to Bruce that his 65 foot high rig was damaged by cables suspended from the railroad bridge on the Housatonic. Chairman Post will research and find out about any notices posted showing amended schedules/openings/etc.

Bruce reported for Lee that all moorings in the Housatonic had been rented for the season. They have been able to relocate some boats that were in mooring areas that have shoaling to deeper water.

Permit Reviews: none

Milford Landing: none

Amendments: none

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

Pond Dredging scheduled to be bid in fall.

New Business:

At our next meeting we need to revisit the memorial plaque issues regarding the many trees and benches at Lisman Landing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bennett, Secretary