

Milford Harbor Management Commission

May 18, 2017

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

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

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Robert Pacelli
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 April 20, 2017

J. Nevin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2017 seconded by R. Kirmaier. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Charles Viens, 68 High Ridge Road, Easton, owner of Charles Island Oyster Farm came to express his opposition to the Briar Patch proposal to be sole oyster farmer in Gulf Pond. He also gave them the Stratford Shellfish Commission Regulations from 2015/2016. He explained how they handle shellfishing in Stratford. The Commission advised him that they have forwarded their recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Alderman along with a letter from Aquaculture.

Carl Selvaggi, 348 Surf Avenue, Stratford, explaining that he is on the Stratford Shellfish Commission. He also expressed concern over this application in Gulf Pond and suggested a lottery. He explained Oystering to the Commission. He was also advised that the Board of Alderman is the decision maker as there is no Shellfish Commission in Milford.

Chairman's Report—R. Post

- SHIPP Grants came back with few questions which have been addressed.
- Safe Boating week 5/20/2017 – 5/27/2017 Open House this Saturday 10 – 12 U.S. Coast Guard New Haven. They will be taking expired flares.
- Memorial Day
 - Wreath Laying Ceremony Sunday 5/28 at City Hall 9:45 am
 - Blue Star Dedication at Fowler Building beginning at 12:00 pm
 - Memorial Day Parade at 2:00 pm

Director's Report – R. Swift

- Season has started and the college crews are back. They are sprucing up the grounds, mulching, planting and the hanging baskets will be going up on the bridge.
- Moving the power lines across way which should be done by Memorial Day.
- Memorial Bricks – found company that costs around \$39.5/each for 8x8 size. Will look at budget and start to purchase them. He will get a sample for the Commission. They will be consolidating the memorial tree bricks and keep the past commissioner bricks around the flagpole

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kuryla

- Expecting Moorings to be full
- SHIPP Grant goes to Bond Commission.
- Currituck crew came by and heading to Massachusetts.

Permit Reviews

- DEEP - Grandville Fisheries – Shellfishing off Morningside on long lines
- DEEP – Port Milford for perimeter permit.

Report of Standing CommitteesMilford Landing–NoneFinance– R. Swift

Savings \$269,204.13
Checking \$ 79,402.53
Total \$348,606.66

Harbor & Mooring- NoneHousatonic, Amendments- L. Henchman

- 40 boats were launched between 7:00 and 1:30.
- Mooring field work, 65% helix owned and paid for by the individual boat owner

Correspondence: None**Old Business:R. Post**

- Pond Dredging – Millennium Builders was the only bid for \$2.8 million and included 3-4 disposal sites, including Eisenhower Park. All 4 ponds are included in the bid and the budget approved was \$3.2 million. They will start at North Street Pond, City Hall Pond, Stonebridge Pond and lastly Eisenhower Park. Set to begin in August.
- Housatonic River Dredging – Cashman was awarded the contract and scheduled for Fall.
- Channel Dredging – no budget yet, need to have disposal site for 25,000 yards, Army Core crew for testing.
- CT Port Authority - Two Applications for the SHIPS program have been submitted.

New Business:

- R. Swift stated they have existing rules in place, regarding trailer/boat storage which they will be enforcing this year due to concerns by ramp users.

Liaisons-Stratford – See Public Comments**Alderman–None**

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

J. Beard made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm seconded by J. Nevin and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder