

Milford Harbor Management Commission
May 19, 2016

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Post, Chairman
Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
James Beard
Raymond Kirmaier
Dora Kubek
Ray Oliver
Robert Pacelli
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Bryan Anderson, Board of Alderman

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

John Nevin
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 21, 2016

J. Beard made a motion to approve the minutes of April 21, 2016 seconded by R. Kirmaier. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

Paul Joslin, 7 Warren Street, asked if the commission has considered in water storage of dinghy boats so that people can get out to their boats that are on moorings. Kayaks are much easier to handle, but you can bring more gear out to your boat as opposed to the kayaks, the boat racks are full and is difficult to access your boat. Discussion ensued regarding the dinghy's filling up with rainwater and sinking which is a problem.

Sharon Joslin, 7 Warren Street, expressed concern for recycling bins along with the regular garbage bins at beach locations. Alderman Bryan Anderson responded that the city has a recycling committee and a new recycling program at the Sanitation Department. Bryan noted her concerns and will bring them to the committee.

Chairman's Report – R. Post

- The Currituck is scheduled to dredge from June 15 – June 29. He and B. Kurlya met with the Core to go over the details. The plan is to remove +/- 14,000 cubic yards, restore the outer channel to 100' wide and a depth of 10 ft. with a 1 ft over-dredge, a 3 to 1 slope along the edges. He explained that several buoys will be temporarily relocated. The Coast Guard will issue a Notice to Mariners. The Currituck operates one 12-hour shift with crew turnover on Wednesday. The harbor will be a bit tough during this time, but good for July 4 weekend.
- B. Kurlya added that there will be a reception on June 21 at 10 am at the Yacht club. There will be tours of the Currituck as well. Good time to discuss some of the other upcoming projects.
- Milford Landing, Ray Swift received a flag from Tom Boyle along with an Inherent Resolve Certificate of Authenticity that the flag was flown over Iraq in support of Operation Inherent

Resolve on a KC10A. Tom Boyle is a local angler and flies all over the world and surprised Ray with the Flag.

- Public Works finished the Patio and with that the dedication plaques that are located around the landscape had to be removed. There was discussion on how to honor the various donors of trees, funds and past commissioners and keep them in the forefront of the Milford Landing. J. Beard and R. Oliver will work on this. R. Swift added that Public Works has trimmed some trees and noted that the roots have grown circular; they are not doing well, and may need to be removed at some point in the future.
- R. Post thanked Public works and the Mayor for they support with the patio
- May 21st thru May 28 is Safe Boating Week.
- Milford Power Squadron will be conducting vessel safety check (VSC)
 - June 4, Spencer's
 - June 11 Milford Boat Works
 - June 18 Port Milford.
- May 29th is the rededication of the Gazebo

Director's Report – R. Swift

- The patio is complete and Public Works did a great job. They removed the stones and pitched it for rainwater. He does not anticipate problems due to them reinforcing it with concrete to stabilize it. Concrete sidewalks installed between the patio and ScoopyDoos and the wooden stairs replaced with concrete. They also removed a wooden curb and restriped the parking spaces. This was a huge undertaking and cost to the commission was \$30,000 with Public Works picking up balance. They will be coming back to do the dock office back steps.
- Landscaping will begin. Loam and seed for some areas and some annuals around the flagpole. Baskets are on the bridge and along the fence.
- Events have begun with Walk a Mile in her shoes, Rape Crisis Center, which drew very big crowd. Milford Stripe Bass would like to use landing, as location for weigh in's, no food or drink and will see how that goes. Pirate Day next and becoming popular event and gets bigger every year.
- Memorial Day kicks off with group from Black Rock and has some slips going for this coming weekend.
- Budget passed Board of Alderman.

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya

- Mooring are full with a few stragglers.

Permit Reviews– R. Post- none

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing–none

Finance– R. Swift

Savings \$ 268,668.72

Checking \$ 154,829.86

Total \$ 423,298.58

Harbor & Mooring-B. Kurlya

Housatonic, Amendments- Lee Henchman

- 100% Full except for 2 openings

- There is lots of shoaling in mooring area “C” and he is losing them one after the other. They will need a long-term plan. B. Kuryla suggested they take soundings; Lee will do a plan to depict the area. N. Bennet added that this is federal anchorage.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

Pond Dredging

- R. Brennan stated he ran into the Mayor and he said that the dredging of the ponds should take place in the fall. Alderman Anderson added that it would need go out to bid.

Milford Harbor Federal Channel Dredging– see Chairmans Report

Boat Slips on Rogers Avenue

- Concern expressed about commercial use of boat slips at 30 Rogers Avenue. Zoning is responsible to enforce.

New Business:

Liaisons-Stratford –R. Kirmaier

Alderman–none

Motion to Adjourn

R. Brennan made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 seconded by R. Pacelli and carried unanimously. The meeting closed at 7:44pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder