

Milford Harbor Management Commission

November 19, 2015

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Robert Post, Chairman
Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman
Raymond Kirmaier
John Nevin
Robert Pacelli
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Nancy Bennett, Secretary
James Beard
Ray Oliver
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 October 15, 2015

R. Brennan made a motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2015 seconded by John Nevin with corrections to Housatonic the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report – R. Post

- John Nevin has been appointed to the Commission to replace Alan Waterman. There is now an alternate position open.
- See Permit Reviews

Director's Report – R. Swift

- Gazebo across from the landing was refurbished as part of Eagle Scout project. Plaque from CHUM (Concerned Harbor Users of Milford) was replaced. The organization was before the Harbor Commission.
- Budget request for 2016-2017 was submitted and \$10,000 was added for new patio sets. Looking to purchase kind that chairs are attached to tables with opening for wheelchair accessibility on side.
- Patio – C. Saley has to get new prices for materials and is interested in monetary funds from Harbor Commission.
- Grounds in good shape, docks are all etc., harbor floats are in, and the bubbler system will go in after Thanksgiving. Ice Eaters have been ordered. Ready for winter.
- Police boat is docked here near the calmers and they have their own ice eater for the boat. They are not charged for winter storage.

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya

- In regards to the Permit Reviews - suggested that they need a new buoy less system, perhaps coordinates, because of all the oyster fields being littered with buoys.

Permit Reviews– R. Post

- 32 Field Court – raise home
- 83 Carrington – 2010 permit expired and renewing at this time
- Oyster Cages near Charles Island – Coastal Oyster for 150 cages, 5 cages on a long line, 30 buoys, two other locations, Stratford and Southport. The Army Core has issued a permit.
- Oyster Farming Briar Patch, Joe Gilbert – 2 locations each with 250 cages on individual floats, 1 buoy per cage, 250 buoys per field. The Application requires that the Commission answer 4 questions for which R. Post will handle.

Discussion ensued as to the Oyster Cages regarding the amount of buoys and the impact on the recreational use of the shoreline. Applications don't show limitations on dates and the farming maybe year round. B. Kurlya added that the use of long lines would help reduce the amount of buoys. Commission agreed that they are obligated to respond but does not seem to make a difference in the approval process. R. Pacelli will work with R. Post on a response to the Army Core. It was noted that they still have to file with DEEP to get approval

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing–none

Finance– R. Swift

Savings	\$ 268,402.87
Checking	<u>\$ 146,089.63</u>
Total	\$ 414,492.50

Harbor & Mooring- L. Henchman

- Launch Tender License class for 17 year olds will be offered on January 9 & 10, 2016 at the Coast Guard Utility Building – hosted by Boat Wise for 25 people at a cost of \$295. He added that he sent the information out to area boat clubs.

Housatonic, Amendments- L. Henchman

Correspondence: R. Swift

Old Business:

Pond Dredging – scheduled for spring. the money has been bonded.

Milford Harbor Federal Channel Dredging – R. Post stated that the dredging would not happen this season, possibly in May. DEEP and the Fisheries did not like the location and additional surveying is needed. The Currituck is in the Northeast has been sitting idle.

New Business:None

Motion to Adjourn

J. Nevin made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 seconded by R. Kirmaier, The meeting closed at 7:45 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder