

Milford Harbor Management Commission

October 19, 2017

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Vacant, Chairman
Raymond Kirmaier
James Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Ray Oliver
Robert Pacelli
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Lee Henschman, Deputy Harbormaster

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Brian Bier, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman

J. Beard called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm, acknowledging that the commission does not have a quorum so the commission will hold off on voting on any items until they have quorum. R. Pacelli arrived at 7:10 making a quorum.

Consideration of Minutes of September 21, 2017

R. Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2017 seconded by J. Gilbert. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: *None*

Chairman's Report: *None*

Nominating Committee Report: *None*

Director's Report – R. Swift

- September was good month. Columbus Day in October was sold out with a 2 nights for 1 night fee. He added that there was an increase of 30 hourly boaters. J. Beard asked about advertising. R. Swift responded he advertises in Windcheck magazine.
- Preparing for closing down for winter. November Wink brings in the floats.
- Next season would like to purchase Patio Furniture and replace tent.
- Beautification Committee, Bryan Anderson offered his help with the memorial garden and would like to take him up on his offer.
- J. Beard asked about condition of Landing. R. Swift felt they have addressed most items. He then added that the floats for the boat ramp could use replacement as the fasteners are getting old.

Harbormaster's Report-B. Kurlya

- Met with Fire and Police regarding acquiring property and combining city assets near the mouth of the harbor for the emergency boats. The committee in the past worked on this and found 3

sites that would work. Dock Road, Oyster Landing and Riggione property (does not have dock). J. Gilbert questioned parking, for which there is. J. Beard commended B. Kurlya for bringing the two agencies together on this, adding that the commission needs to promote this concept.

- Gulf Street Bridge Removal – check Engineering for mapping.

Permit Reviews:*None*

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing–*None*

Finance– R. Swift

Savings \$statement not available

Checking \$83,572.23

- Withdrawal \$54,361.73 taken out of account. Will follow up with Finance to see what the expense was for. J. Beard asked that he email the commission when he finds out so they don't have to wait till next meeting. He expressed concern over the insurance cost to the Landing.

Harbor & Mooring

Housatonic, Amendments– Lee Henschman

- Removing all boats out of the water this Saturday, approximately 40 boats.

Correspondence: *B. Kurlya*

- Letter from Stratford Harbor Commission

Old Business:B. Kurlya

- Pond Dredging – Starting and the dumping site should be property city is acquiring on Oronoque Road near the transfer station.
- Housatonic River Dredging –L. Henschman stated that the dredging is moving fast with the removed sand being take to Hammonasset Beach.
- Channel Dredging –B. Kurlya working on possible disposal sites. J. Gilbert asked if property owners along channel could get their properties dredged too. B. Kurlya did not know. Corp has been good to Milford because of Milford bearing the cost in past projects. We just need to get the permit and work on where the monies are coming from. Helixes will have to be taken out, need budget to cover the cost, however, not going to be done this year but within 2 years.
- CT Port Authority–SHIPS Grant – B. Kurlya noted that they have a new office in Old Saybrook, however the bond commission meetings are cancelled each month.
- Shellfishing –R.Oliver stated that last month he offered to put together the shellfish acreage for Milford. The commission reviewed the maps and figured probably between 5,000 and 6,000 acres. Some of that is under State jurisdiction which the City could take back and some is for recreational shellfishing. R. Pacelli asked if Stratford has that much. B. Kurlya responded that Milford has more acreage. J. Gilbert explained that Stratford collects shell tax that a portion must be allocated to enhancement projects. He added that Milford is going in the right direction as this falls under the Harbor Commission Goals, fostering healthy participation, and with education occurring regarding the industry the commission would do good job with this. R. Oliver asked if the Mayor is reluctant to start new commission. R Kirmaier stated that the commission voted that the Shellfish Commission fall under the auspices of the Harbor Commission. B. Kurlya added that the City Attorney just needs to amend the Commission duties and responsibilities. J. Beard welcomed J. Gilbert and is expertise in Shellfishing. J. Gilbert offered to go to the Ethics

Commission to get clear understanding on the conflict of interest of his having a shellfish business and working on creating the Shellfish Commission.

- Police and Fire Boats – see Harbormaster’s Report

New Business:*None*

Liaisons-Stratford: *None*

Alderman–*None.*

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

R. Kirmaier made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm seconded by R. Oliver and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8:01 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder