

Milford Harbor Management Commission
September 21, 2017

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Present:

Vacant, Chairman
Robert Brennan, Vice Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Secretary
Raymond Kirmaier
James Beard
Joseph Gilbert
Dora Kubek
John Nevin
Ray Oliver
Robert Pacelli
Ray Swift, Operations Director
Bruce Kurlya, Harbormaster
Lee Henchman, Deputy Harbormaster
Bill Bevan, Alderman

Board Members, Liaisons & Staff Absent:

Brian Bier, Board of Alderman
Nick Veccharelli, Board of Alderman

R. Brennan, Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Consideration of Minutes of August 17, 2017

J. Beard made a motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2017 seconded by N. Bennett. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Alderman Bevan welcomed Mr. Gilbert to the Commission. He reminded the members to keep a watchful eye for conflicts of interest. Just a point of reference for this Commission and reminding them of the City of Milford having an Ethics Commission to help. He added that this Commission is not on the list of Boards and Commission. The secretary will check with City Clerk to make sure it is included.

Chairman's Report: R. Brennan

- Met with Mayor and City Attorney to provide them with Stratford Shellfish Commission and Madison Shellfish regulations. They will review them. While Stratford has tens of thousands of acres, Milford has about 60 acres in Gulf Pond and an undetermined number of acres along the shore. Ray Oliver will speak to Dave Carey and look up the charts to see how many acres of oyster beds Milford has in its jurisdiction.

Nominating Committee Report: *None*

Director's Report – R. Swift

- Normal Operations, events, Irish Festival becoming 3rd best event of summer. Working on projects, has a crew till Columbus Day. The bubbler system and ice eaters will be ready.
- Work started on the inspections of moorings.
- Three more weekends left before Columbus Day, the unofficial end of summer.

Harbormaster's Report- B. Kuryla

- Calls coming in for mooring fields, should have some openings.
- Stratford Harbormaster provided an obstruction survey to pull all moorings out for the dredge in October. L. Henchman said he plotted out the area. The commission looked over the map. He

will go out in workboat to find where they are, but most are probably helixes. He raised concern as to who would assume the cost to remove what they find. B. Kurlya added that there is a meeting regarding the dredging in Stratford with the Army Core and first responders that he is hoping to attend, however, they are hoping to resolve the concerns before that meeting.

Permit Reviews: R. Brennan

- Three notices of non-compliance to residents from DEEP, no action required from the commission.

Report of Standing Committees

Milford Landing–None

Finance– R. Swift

- There was discussion as to off season rates and possibly eliminating and keeping the rates the same from April 1st through November 1st. A motion was made by R. Kirmaier to have one rate from April 1st through November 1st at \$3/foot for weekends, and \$2.50/foot for weekdays, with J. Nevin seconding the motion. After discussion by the commission, R. Kirmaier amended the motion for keeping the one rate for the whole year with J. Nevin seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Savings	\$ 269,388.58
Checking	\$ <u>142,673.30</u>
Total	\$ 412,061.88

Harbor & Mooring

Housatonic, Amendments– Lee Henchman

- Inquiries into moorings already. The inspection and repairs were completed quickly in anticipation of inclement weather.

Correspondence: *None*

Old Business: B. Kurlya

- Pond Dredging – Pre-construction meeting today per MaryRose Palumbo, Wetlands
- Housatonic River Dredging – see Harbormaster’s Report.
- Channel Dredging – Nothing new
- CT Port Authority – SHIPS Grant – waiting for budget approval
- Shellfishing – See Chairman’s Report – R. Oliver to get total acreage of beds and jurisdiction.

New Business:

- J. Beard brought up the issue of the Police and Fire Department Boats. Milford Boatworks has the Police Boat and Port Milford has the Fire Boat. He would like the assets combined in a shared location, closer to the mouth of the Harbor. The commission had formed a committee to find them an appropriate location, however, nothing has happened. B. Kurlya added that the Dock Road site was recommended by the committee as it is perfect place. There are grants maybe to secure the property to accomplish this. B. Kurlya suggested it starts with the two Chiefs of the Departments and getting them together so we don’t have redundancy of the assets. R. Brennan will contact them to set up a meeting.

Liaisons-Stratford: *None*

Alderman – see Public Comments.

Planning & Zoning - *None*

Motion to Adjourn

N. Bennett made a motion to adjourn at 7: 55 pm seconded by R. Oliver and carried unanimously.

The meeting closed at 7:55 pm.

Beverly A. Hayes
Recorder