

**City of Norwalk
Mayor's Water Quality Committee Meeting
November 7, 2019
Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER 6:02 PM

ATTENDANCE

Members: Joe Schnierlein, Diane Lauricella, John Crespo, Dick Harris, Pete Johnson, Louise Washer, Chris Malik, Steve Bartush

Staff: Thomas Closter

Guests: Tony Mobilia

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion to Approve by Pete Johnson, second by Dick Harris. Unanimous Vote.

DISCUSSION

1) Chairman Schnierlein gave an update on Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). He explained what the State of CT is doing to address PFAS. Governor Ned Lamont established the Connecticut Interagency PFAS Task Force on July 8, 2019 which is led by the Department of Public Health and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and contains representatives from a broad variety of State Agencies and is tasked with delivering a PFAS action plan. The final copy of this plan was made available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/News/20191101-CT-Interagency-PFAS-Task-Force-Action-Plan.pdf?la=en>

Comments regarding the final plan centered on needs to find funding and deadlines that were added.

2) Chairman Schnierlein talked about the Norwalk River Watershed Initiative and how a meeting of the representatives from the watershed towns and the State and Federal agencies can be convened to re-establish the initiative. Chris Malik discussed initiative with Alexis Cherichetti, Senior Environmental Officer, and planned a meeting for December 5, 2019 @ 3:00pm at Wilton Town Hall. Items discussed were purpose, interest, funding, frequency of meetings, sustainability, membership, prioritizing the plan and a convenient time to meet.

3) Chairman Schnierlein shared a letter he is proposing to the Mayor and Common Council regarding concern of the availability of water for the increase in population under normal conditions as well as drought conditions and he believes the water providers should be consulted as to their ability to provide water. Members of the Committee will review the letter and make comments to be discussed at the next meeting.

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- 4) Louise Washer talked about New London becoming the first municipality in Connecticut to establish a stormwater utility which went into effect January 1, 2019. They will be charging all property owners a fee for their contribution to the city's stormwater runoff.
- 5) Diane Lauricella encouraged everyone to attend a meeting in the City Hall Community Room on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 7:00pm regarding changes to the Zoning regulations.
- 6) No meeting in December. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 6:00pm in the Health Department.

Motion to adjourn meeting by John Crespo, second by Diane Lauricella 6:51pm
Minutes by Thomas Closter