

**City of Norwalk
Mayor's Water Quality Committee Meeting
September 5, 2019
Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER 6:02 PM

ATTENDANCE

Members: Steve Bartush, Joe Schnierlein, Diane Lauricella, John Romano, John Crespo, Geoff Steadman, Pete Johnson, Louise Washer, Jim Bartley, Chris Malik, Dick Harris

Staff: Thomas Closter

Guests: Deborah Goldstein, Nancy Chapman

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion to Approve by Pete Johnson, second by Louise Washer. 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 by October 1, 2019.
- 2) Louise Washer provided a letter to the Committee that is being sent by a group of environmental advocacy groups to Governor Lamont regarding the pesticide chlorpyrifos. She is looking for support from the Mayor's Water Quality Committee because the use of this pesticide by golf courses and farms presents a clear threat to water quality in Connecticut and in Norwalk's watershed.

The Committee reviewed the letter and made a motion by Jim Bartley, second by Dick Harris to support it. All in favor, Chris Malik abstained.

- 3) 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 will discuss initiative with Alexis Cherichetti, Senior Environmental Officer, to try planning a meeting for October. Items discussed were funding, frequency of meetings, sustainability, membership and prioritizing the plan.
- 4) Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Health Department.
Motion to adjourn meeting by Pete Johnson, second by Steve Bartush 6:42pm
Minutes by Thomas Closter