

**CITY OF NORWALK
MAYOR'S WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Joe Schnierlein, Chair; Steve Bartush, John Crespo, Dick Harris, Pete Johnson, Diane Lauricella, Christopher Malik, John Romano, Geoff Steadman

OTHERS: William Mooney, Health Department

This meeting was conducted by Zoom Teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schnierlein called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **DEEP** – No report.
- **Dept. of Transportation via Shellfish or Harbor Comm.** – Mr. Romano said that there would be a joint meeting on October 6, 2021 with the Harbor Commission, the Mayor's Water Quality Advisory and [inaudible].

Ms. Lauricella said that the group was from Boston and were working on the Industrial Zone review. They were invited to the City by the Planning and Zoning Department. Discussion about the details followed.
- **Dept. of Aquaculture** – No report.
- **Dept. of Health** – Replaced a rain gauge earlier in the day and new software will be installed soon. DPW recorded 7.5 inches after the previous night's storm.
- **Harbor Commission** – No report.
- **Planning and Zoning** – Mr. Schnierlein asked if everyone had received an invitation to the October 6, 2021 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Recommendations for Commissions and City. –

Mr. Harris said he had some issues with the recommendations. He said that DPW had been working on establishing GPS locations on the sewer lines. He said that a number of items had already been done or were in the process. The discussion moved to the request for two interns.

Mr. Steadman said that he had submitted some comments. He said that they needed to support a new permit for private drains.

Mr. Schnierlein asked Committee members to categorize their recommendations according to the various Commissions that would be responsible for the projects. Discussion followed.

Ms. Lauricella suggested some categories such as:

- Surface water, ground water and septic.
- Land Use, conservation buffer zones
- Planning and Zoning, flood and erosion control
- Infrastructure
- Education

Mr. Schnierlien said if the discussion drags on, he would send out the recommendations as they stand with a note that the Advisory Committee does not agree on all of the points. Discussion followed about having this ready for the upcoming elections.

Mr. Schnierlien said that he would agree extending the deadline for one week. Otherwise there will not be able to send it out, review it, and submit comments. Discussion followed by next Friday about compiling the various suggestions to Mr. Bartush.

**** MR. BARTUSH MOVED TO CREATE A COMPILATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMISSIONS.**

**** THERE WAS A SECOND.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Mission Statement review and vote on

Mr. Schnierlien said that Mr. Bartley had updated the mission statement and it was attached to the agenda.

Ms. Lauricella said that they had omitted the phrase “watershed” from the mission statement. She will send the update to Mr. Schnierlien within the next few days.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Geoff Steadman**

Mr. Steadman said that he had not sent his comments about the recommendation to Mr. Schnierlien. He then spoke about public outreach and said that it should be available to the public.

• **Planning and Zoning**

Mr. Schnierlien said that Mr. Harris was to compile some data from the monitors. Mr. Harris said that the monitors came online on the 26th and were continuously recording various aspect of the water, such as oxygen levels both on the surface and the bottom; and turbidity. He reviewed the details of the readings and gave a brief overview of the various readings. Discussion followed about the variations of dissolved oxygen levels near the Maritime Center. Mr. Schnierlien said that he would send the link to the website to Mr. Crespo.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one from the public present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• **August 5, 2021**

The following changes were noted:

Page 3, under **Minutes of 7-7-21**, paragraph 1, line 3: please change the following from:

“Mr. Bartush replied that the Five Mile River was part of the Saugatuck watershed.”

To: “Mr. Bartush replied that the Five Mile River has its own watershed.”

**** MR. JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 2021 AS CORRECTED.**

**** MR. ROMANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Next meeting tentatively Oct. 7, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BARTUSH MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. JOHNSON SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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