

**CITY OF NORWALK
MAYORS WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Joe Schnierlein; Diane Lauricella; Dick Harris; Pete Johnson; Pete Johnson's cat; Louise Washer

OTHER: William Mooney, Health Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schnierlein called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

A Roll Call of those present was performed. There was a quorum present.

COMMUNICATIONS

DEEP

There was nothing to report at this time.

DEPT. OF AQUACULTURE – STEVE OR GEOFF

There was nothing to report at this time.

DEPT. OF HEALTH – BILL OR DEPT. OF HEALTH REP.

Chairman Schnierlein noted that the reservoirs were at 100% capacity currently.

HARBOR COMMISSION –GEOFF OR JOHN

There was nothing to report at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING

There was nothing to report at this time.

HARBOR WATCH – JOE

Chairman Schnierlein said he had received a letter from Ms. Nikki Spiller asking for their support. She is currently writing a grant for the Long Island Sound Futures Fund to have a marine debris grant. He provided further information regarding this.

Ms. Lauricella announced the zoning rewrite of the regulations. She reviewed what this meant. She noted that they were holding public meetings in each of the five voting districts regarding this rewrite. Further review of this rewrite followed. Ms. Lauricella said she felt it was important that the water quality committee weigh in on the zoning regulations. Especially since there were ways to create cleaner water through zoning. She said they should send out an email to the staff requesting a meeting with them. She noted that they were asking for their opinions and that it should be a group effort. A review of the history of zoning regulations and their impact on water quality followed. The question of who would be willing to attend a Harbor Commission meeting was raised. Ms. Washer suggested they invite someone to provide a presentation on riparian zoning. Further discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

PFOS FEEDBACK FROM SOME COMMON COUNCIL MEMBERS STATING THEY ARE IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT IT.

Chairman Schnierlein said he had gotten four letters back from Common Council Members stating that they were in discussions on PFOS. He has not heard about any decisions yet. Ms. Lauricella wished to know which council members had contacted him. Chairman Schnierlein said he would forward them to her. Mr. Harris provided details on his own projects. Ms. Washer provided updates on her own projects and interactions with committees. Ms. Lauricella asked who from the council was on the boat trip. Ms. Washer said she'd send a list. Mr. Harris provided an update on the standards for PFOS. Further discussion followed regarding PFOS testing. Ms. Lauricella noted that there had been extensive testing on PFOS and PFOA movement through soil. She reviewed the results of the testing. She said she would find and send the document detailing the testing out. The question of whether the Health Department had given consideration to advising the public and encouraging them to use filters was raised and further discussion regarding water filtration followed.

NEW BUSINESS

DIANE'S SUGGESTIONS ON MS4

Ms. Lauricella came forward to discuss this item. She has provided suggestions to enhance the 2023 MS4 permit plans. She recapped several ongoing with the City Council Agenda that affected the plans. This included an item to hire a consultant to update the MS4. She provided further information regarding this. There is an upcoming vote for the Common Council as well. She provided her expectations for the future of the project as well. She also discussed possible complaint forms for the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no Public Comment at this time.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2023

Please make the following changes:

- Clarify the numbers regarding PFOS and PFAS.

- Please note that there is a PFAS free Google group and PFAS free Connecticut Group, not PFOS.
- Please change 'State Health Advisory' to 'EPA Health Advisory'.

**** MS. WASHED MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2023 AS AMENDED.**

**** MR. HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. LAURICELLA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MS. WASHER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Ian A. Soltes

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