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City of Norwalk Mayor's Water Quality Committee Meeting May 2, 2019 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Thomas Closter

Guests: Tony Mobilia, Pat Tomlinson, Deb Goldstein

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion to Approve by Jim Bartley, second by Louise Washer. Unanimous Vote.

DISCUSSION

- 1) Chairman Schnierlein said the Harbor Management Commission is not in favor of Eversource's proposal for the transmission cables. Geoff Steadman said there is not enough information regarding restrictions that will be put on the visitor's dock. The Shellfish Commission will also be discussing this item at their meeting following the Mayor's Water Quality Meeting.
- 2) Louise Washer said the Norwalk River Watershed Association will have an annual meeting on May 15, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Wilton Library. She also said they would like to send a flyer out to the Norwalk Association of Silvermine Homeowners on reducing fertilizers and pesticides on lawns and to help keep the Silvermine and Norwalk Rivers healthier. The Mayor's Water Quality Committee supports the flyer.
- 3) Chairman Schnierlein discussed the Long Island Sound Blue Plan. The purpose of the Blue Plan is to protect traditional uses, minimize conflicts and maximize compatibility. Committee will look into whether it will be a benefit to municipalities, legislative history and intent and is it needed?
- 4) Chris Malik said that Betsey Wingfield has been promoted to Bureau Chief for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Protection and Land Use.
- 5) Chairman Schnierlein discussed the water quality monitors installed by the Department of Transportation at the Police Dock and would like to find out how to request data from the monitors.
- 6) Chairman Schnierlein would like a list of pesticides in use by City Departments. He will contact Recreation & Parks to find out when and where they are used.
- 7) Dick Harris talked about funding opportunities through Connecticut Sea Grant. He has had conversations with Norwalk's Water Pollution Control Authority regarding their wish list, including a new camera truck, and pipe improvements at Marvin Beach and Belle Island. He feels these improvements will decrease shoreline pollution and would like support for the grant.
- 8) Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Health Department. Motion to adjourn meeting by Diane Lauricella, second by Dick Harris 7:02pm
Minutes by Thomas Closter