

**CITY OF NORWALK
MAYOR'S WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2023**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE: Joe Schnierlein, Chairman; Steve Bartush, John Crespo,
Dick Harris, Diane Lauricella, Geoff Steadman, (6:06 p.m.)

OTHERS: William Mooney, Health Department

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schnierlein called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- **DEEP** – No report.
- **Dept. of Aquaculture** – Steve or Geoff – No report.
- **Dept. of Health** – Bill or Dept. of Health Rep. – No report.
- **Harbor Commission** – Geoff or John – No report.
- **Planning and Zoning** – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Any comments from Save the Sounds' presentation?

Ms. Lauricella said that she was happy that Mr. Linderoth was able to present. It gave more insight into their process. It was a good thing that they have created a report card, but that the Committee wanted it to reflect the accurate picture. Much of the issue is due to impervious surfaces related to storm water. She was pleased that there was a group like Save the Sound that was educating the public.

Mr. Steadman joined the group via phone at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Steadman said that there was no additional information about the power lines. He said that he had been willing to testify at the hearings that the recommendations of the State were different from the Harbor Commission's recommendations.

The Norwalk River Watershed had a presentation from a Conservation Service that was mapping subaqueous soils and they will be working in the Norwalk area. He said that he would like to ask them to take some samples south of Veteran's Park.

Ms. Lauricella wished to know how many sites the NRCS would be sampling and who chooses them. Mr. Steadman said he did not know how many they were going to choose, but would suggest that they take some samples from Veteran's Park. Discussion followed.

Ms. Lauricella requested that they schedule a wrap up and follow up on the Wilson Point issues on the next agenda. She said that she felt that they could have handled the issue more effectively. Mr. Schnierlein said that he believed all the Committee members had received the letter with 76 pages of information just yesterday. Ms. Lauricella said that she was referring to a letter that was sent in January. She suggested that they list it as Wilson Point Yacht Club status report. She noted that there were lessons to be learned and explained that there were some changes in the situation. She said that there had been others who had requested items be added to the agenda. She said that she was happy to wait to April, but wished it to be included on that agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Diane's suggestions on MS4 to be sent to DPW and....

Mr. Schnierlein asked if the Committee would be in agreement with having Ms. Lauricella's comments sent to DPW. Discussion followed. Ms. Lauricella said that she would re-send the document to the Committee members.

b) Finishing off recommendations for Norwalk

Mr. Schnierlein said that he had sent his recommendations (Stormwater Recommendations #17) to all the Committee members. He then gave a brief overview of his comments, including PFOS and PFAS in the water. Discussion followed regarding several additions to the documentation. Mr. Steadman had several suggestions regarding the language that should be included in the document, which he said he would send to Mr. Schnierlein.

**** MS. LAURICELLA MOVED TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONS TO THE DOCUMENT STORMWATER RECOMMENDATIONS #17 AS DISCUSSED.**

**** MR. BARTUSH SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Schnierlein said that he wished to have this document finished by April 1st.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
if time permits

There was no one present from the public who wished to comment.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• **Jan. 5, 2023.**

The minutes were not attached to the information packet and it was decided to table these until April.

**** MS. LAURICELLA MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2023 MEETING.**

**** MR. CRESPO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Lauricella said that there was a series of listening sessions on March 14th and March 23rd on PFOS at Superfund sites. The Kellogg-Deerfield site is one of those Superfund sites.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**** MR. CRESPO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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