

**City of Norwalk
Mayor's Water Quality Meeting
September 6, 2018
Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Members: John Romano, Geoff Steadman, Steve Bartush, John Crespo, Joe Schnierlein

Staff: Thomas Closter

Police: Sgt. Pete LaPak

Guests: Mike Oravez

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

None.

DISCUSSION

- 1) What will the mission be?
Notes found from the Harbor Management Plan 2009 Amendment indicate the Mayor formed a Water Quality Committee in the fall of 1990 to analyze pollution problems and recommend measures to protect and improve the quality of water in Norwalk Harbor. The Committee should identify sources of pollution and increase public awareness of water quality concerns. Recommendations formulated by the Committee should be implemented by the Mayor's Office, Common Council, Harbor Management Commission, Health Department, DPW, and other City offices with authorities and responsibilities to protect water quality.
- 2) Committee discussed monitoring equipment, including costs, placement of monitors (one north and south- Police Dock- of the Walk Bridge), types of measurements (dissolved oxygen, salinity, temperature, turbidity, chlorophyll, nitrogen, ammonia), and possible grants to procure equipment (Eversource).
- 3) Water testing in private labs for lead, mercury, PCB'S, hydrocarbons, opioids. Bacteria testing could be done in local labs (Harbor Watch, Health Department, and Norm Bloom).
- 4) Committee candidates: present at meeting were Sgt. Pete LaPak, John Crespo and John Romano from Harbor Management, Steve Bartush from Shellfish, Geoff Steadman, Harbor Consultant, Chairman Joe Schnierlein and Tom Closter from Health Department. Members absent were Pete Johnson from Shellfish and Greg Scully, Harbormaster.
- 5) We will reach out to Dick Harris to be a member. The Mayor expressed interest to have someone from Conservation and WPCA/DPW also on the Committee.
- 6) Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:00pm in the Health Department Library.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting Adjourned 7:00pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 4, 2018 @6:00pm Health Department Library.

Minutes by Thomas Closter