

**CITY OF NORWALK
MAYOR'S WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2021**

ATTENDANCE: Joe Schnierlein, Chair; Steve Bartush, Dick Harris, 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 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

- **DEEP** – Mr. Malik said that Jennifer Perry is no longer the manager of Water Management Bureau. Currently, there is no Director for Mr. Malik's department.
- **Dept. of Transportation via Shellfish or Harbor Comm.** – No report.
- **Harbor Commission** – Eversource Communication of plan – Geoff Steadman.

Mr. Romano said that Eversource had contacted him and presented a plan that would be more acceptable to the Harbor Commission and the Shellfish Commission. Mr. Steadman displayed a map showing where the current plan would have the line buried underneath the Federal Navigation Channel. The proposal avoids the Visitor's Dock and most of Veteran's Park. Discussion followed.

- **Dept. of Aquaculture** – No report.
- **Dept. of Health** – Mr. Mooney said that they would be doing some dye testing at a out at Wilson Point due to recent high bacteria counts.

Mr. Mooney said that he had received a letter from Miami Dade Economic Resources Department requesting the names and emails of the Water Quality

Committee. He said that he would not release anyone's information without their information. Mr. Schnierlein said that he would contact them regarding why they are requesting the information.

- **Planning and Zoning** – Mr. Schnierlein said that the Planning and Zoning had held a meeting the previous day and it went well. The file is very large. A discussion followed about using DropBox or Google Drive for access to the material.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Recommendations for Commissions and City. –

Mr. Schnierlein said that the list Mr. Bartush had compiled contained the concerns that the Committee has. He said that not everyone will be happy with the listing. Mr. Schnierlein also explained that the original breakout of the information into categories has been discarded. Mr. Bartush was able to reduce the document down to a page and a half.

Ms. Lauricella said that she would like to add "Norwalk River Action Plan" to item #1. This was acceptable to everyone. Mr. Harris suggested the addition of "Harbor Watch". This was acceptable to everyone.

The discussion moved to requesting the Water Pollution Control Authority to present to the Water Quality Committee. Mr. Schnierlein said that he had contacted the WPCA and that Mr. Cole had said that they would not attend the Water Quality meetings but would be willing to answer any questions that are submitted to them. Mr. Cole also invited the Water Quality Committee to attend their meetings.

The Committee then discussed the remaining points and made various changes to the text.

NEW BUSINESS

• Geoff Steadman

Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed at this time.

• Planning and Zoning Meeting on October 6.

This was mentioned earlier but due to time constraints, this item was not discussed at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one from the public present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• September 2, 2021

Due to time constraints, this item was not addressed at this time.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schnierlein adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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