CITY OF NORWALK
SHELLFISH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2023
VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE: Steven Bartush; Chair, Pete Johnson

STAFF: William Mooney

OTHER: Jim Baycheck, Tom Ryder, John Hiltz, Sgt. Bisceglie, Jeffrey Mangels, Jerry Toni

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Bartush stated that this meeting was a regular as opposed to a special meeting and a quorum wasn't present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bartush stated that due to a lack of an additional commissioner, the minutes couldn't be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were three attendees, and Mr. Baycheck was made part of the regular meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Mooney gave the treasurer's report. He discussed the remaining balance for November, a final Collection from Fisherman's World, and the 2024 maps.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no secretaries report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mooney discussed the rainfall and the effect it had on closures and bypasses in November.

B) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Bartush noted there was no one at the meeting to give the wastewater report.

C) WATER QUALITY

Mr. Bartush noted that the Mayor's office hadn't appointed a chair and that would happen sometime between now and the first of the year.

D) PERMITS

Sgt. Bisceglie stated they just got a notification to reopen all the shellfish flags and noted the season was winding down.

E) POLICE

there was no discussion on this topic

F) ADVISORY

Mr. Bartush reiterated the statement by Sgt. Bisceglie about the harbor temp.

G) HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Mangels discussed the various big projects they were involved in such as the Water Bridge and Eversource projects. He also stated they had been in touch with the DEEP to determine when to issue a public notice. He stated there would be an opportunity for public comment and to petition for a public hearing. He also brought up an issue facing Fairfield and Bridgeport involving Eversource and his concerns on how it may affect Norwalk. He also discussed zoning changes and the request for the extension of the comment period.

Mr. Bartush stated a quorum wasn't present and they could not approve the reports as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheffield Island/LWRD Application

18 Tonetta Circle
Norwalk Seaport Association/COP: Sheffield Island North Shore Sea Wall
17 Sylvester Court
Draft Zoning Regulations

Mr. Toni stated a copy of their plans and operations was sent to Dr. Pinno who wrote a letter of approval on behalf of the Harbor Commission to the Connecticut DEEP.
Mr. Bartush stated lacking a quorum they were unable to authorize the COP: Sheffield Island North Shore Sea Wall item.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bartush gave a list of properties that were completed or needed further site inspections and indicated Mr. Jordan's willingness to help.

Various projects and applications submitted to the COP and other agencies were discussed. Mr. Baycheck shared a series of plans and described what the various plans showed.

Mr. Bartush moved on to 32 Shore Haven. Mr Ryder representing Dr. Rose discussed the plans for a residential dock. He presented a slide show and explained the plans.

Mr. Bartush said he wanted to plan a meeting where there was a full quorum to clear things off their plate before the end of the year.

Mr. Johnson mentioned the Harbor Master Boat hadn't had engine work in over 2 years and should be looked at. Mr. Bartush said he wasn't aware of it. Mr. Johnson stated the Marine Police mentioned something leaking. It was agreed it could probably use some general maintenance and a plan to go about it was discussed.

ADJOURN

Lacking a quorum to make a motion, Mr. Bartush ended the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 4, 2024 AT 7:15 PM (ZOOM)

Respectfully submitted
China Mayhew
Telesco Secretarial Services