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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting October 12, 2017 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:13 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Pat DeVito, Steve Bartush, Nick Sacchinelli

Staff: Thomas Closter

Police: Officer Michael Silva

Advisory: Captain Dave Hopp

Guests: Tony Mobilia, Doug Stabell

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

September Minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. Bartush, 2nd by Comm. Sacchinelli. Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

Comm. DeVito reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		7/31/17	17,017.77	
DEPOSIT	Fisherman's			
	World	8/9/17	\$4,188.00	Permits
	Pramer Oyster	8/17/17	\$ 80.50	Seed Oyster
INTEREST	July, August, September		\$ 45.00	
EXPENSES	Frontier	8/19 to 9/18	(\$ 70.72)	Phone
	Frontier	9/19 to 10/18	(\$ 70.72)	Phone
BALANCE		9/30/17		\$21,189.83
	Last Year	9/30/16		\$18,260.19
	Two Years Ago	9/30/15		\$15,654.29

SECRETARY

Commissioner Johnson absent, no report.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports: 2.75 inches of rain in September. Average since 1987 is 4.78 inches

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of rain for September. There were 619 calls in September. There were two closures for Cooke's Ground for over .5 inch on September 3 & 6, 2017. There was one closure in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) and CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) for September 3, 2017. There were no reports of a bypass for September.

WASTEWATER

Commissioner Bartush reports he will try to attend the next meeting on October 16, 2017.

WATER QUALITY

None

PERMITS

Commissioner DeVito reports permits are selling and he is waiting for an invoice for the engines.

POLICE

Officer Silva reports no arrests. Discussed issue with a 46 foot sailboat drawing seven feet and sitting on natural beds, arrangements are being made to relocate boat to Stamford.

ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 67 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Tony Mobilia reports Eversource has concerns that the cables between Manresa and Sheffield Island are being struck. They are submitting a pre application to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to put marker buoys for notification. Buoys may impact shellfishing. On October 25, 2017 @ 10:00am he will meet with a boating representative from DEEP to survey the site and discuss where the buoys should be placed.

Motion to accept committee reports by Commissioner Bartush, second by Commissioner Sacchinelli. Unanimous Vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Bartush discussed a Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Permit Consultation Form submitted by James Bajek for Mary Jane Kennedy of 17 Bluff Ave, Norwalk, CT to construct a private residential dock in Wilson Cove. Commission determined that the work described will adversely impact a shellfish area for the following reasons. (5 foot high pier head clearance, winter removal required, removal of barges at low tide to mooring, mooring to be approved by Harbormaster, same high tide work spud holes, 40 foot pier, 100 square foot dock, 18 inch dock stops).

Commissioner Bartush also discussed an application from Thomas & Allison Robbins of 5 Decker St regarding a Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Permit Consultation Form to install a private residential dock which was approved by DEEP. Shellfish Commission reviewed application and approved with conditions that dock can be no longer than pre-existing docks on either side with dock stops and spartina remediation. Also, pending Harbor Management approval and removal of dock during winter.

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Dock was approved exceeding published Department of Energy & Environmental Protection guidelines (78 foot pier, 200 square foot dock).

Motion was made by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Bartush to reiterate the need to follow published Department of Energy & Environmental Protection guidelines. Vote Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 2, 2017 @6:00pm Health Department Library.

Commission went into executive session at 7:00pm and ended at 7:20pm

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Bartush, Vote Unanimous 7:20 PM

Minutes by Thomas Closter