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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting September 6, 2018 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 7:11 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Pat DeVito, Steve Bartush, Nick Sacchinelli

Staff: Thomas Closter

Police: Sgt. Pete LaPak

Advisory: Capt. David Hopp

Guests: Mike Oravez

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

August Minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. Bartush, 2nd by Comm. Sacchinelli.

Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

Comm. DeVito reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		7/31/18	\$25,238.80	
DEPOSIT			\$0.00	
INTEREST		July 2018	(\$14.00)	
		August 2018	\$11.00	
EXPENSES	Frontier	8/19 to 9/18	(\$ 71.78)	Phone
	Bill Landan		(\$ 600.00)	Boat
BALANCE		8/31/18		\$24,564.02
	Last Year	8/31/17		\$21,243.55
	Two Years Ago	8/31/16		\$18,629.92

SECRETARY

Commissioner Johnson absent, no report.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports:

5.29 inches of rain in August. Average since 1987 is 4.24 inches of rain for August.

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There were 2,225 calls in August. There were four closures for Cooke's Ground for over .5 inch on August 2, 11, 13 & 18, 2018. There was one closure in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) on August 11, 2018 and one closure in the CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) for August 11, 2018.

There was one report of a bypass for August:

8-13-18 28,574 Gallons 9 River Dr Marvin Beach Pump Station

WASTEWATER

No Report, no meeting.

WATER QUALITY

Held meeting prior to the Shellfish Commission Meeting. Discussed mission (analyze pollution problems and recommend measures to protect and improve the quality of water in Norwalk Harbor. Identify sources of pollution and increase public awareness of water quality concerns). Committee also discussed monitoring equipment, including costs, placement, grants and types of measurements. Chairman Joe Schnierlein also talked about candidates for the Committee.

PERMITS

Commissioner DeVito said permits are selling but areas are closed because of rainfall.

POLICE

Sgt. LaPak reports 12 hours of patrol for August, no arrests.

ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 77 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

No Report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Bartush is trying to finalize a date with John Frank's family for the John Frank Memorial unveiling.

Commission is currently analyzing data received from Christopher W. Samorajczyk, Transportation Planner II from the Office of Environmental Planning and Bureau of Policy & Planning regarding sediment from the Norwalk River and Wetland Mitigation Area for the Walk Bridge Reconstruction.

Commission received a DEEP Permit Consultation Form from the Greens Ledge Light Preservation Society to install a dock. After discussion, the Shellfish Commission has concerns that the proposed location is on or near local State leased shellfish beds, and the wooden structure would be drastically underbuilt due to extreme local conditions.

Motion by Commissioner Bartush, second by Commissioner Sachinelli that the dock installation will adversely impact a shellfish area. Vote Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

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Commissioner Bartush discussed a cease and desist request to DEEP for work performed under a Certificate of Permission at 26 Shorefront Park jetty. Unpermitted lengthening of the jetty by riprap rock and concrete has covered the natural bed under its new and longer footprint. Kevin Zawoy from DEEP was inspecting the property on September 6, 2018.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 4, 2018 @7:00pm Health Department Library.

**ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Bartush,
Vote Unanimous 8:06 PM**

Minutes by Thomas Closter