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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting September 5, 2019 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Steve Bartush, Pete Johnson, Tom Mattera, Nick Sacchinelli
Staff: Thomas Closter
Police: Officer Dave Vetare
Advisory: Captain Dave Hopp
Guests: Tony Mobilia, Geoff Steadman, Deborah Goldstein, Tim Pramer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Pramer expressed concerns over the recent closing and reopening of shellfish areas and why some areas remain closed.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

August Minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. Mattera, 2nd by Comm. Bartush.
Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

There was no report.

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		6/30/19	\$22,878.27	
DEPOSIT			\$	
INTEREST			\$ 28.00	
EXPENSES	Frontier	7/1/19	\$ (76.10)	Phone
BALANCE		8/31/19		\$22,830.17
	Last Year	8/31/18		\$24,564.02
	Two Years Ago	8/31/17		\$21,243.55

SECRETARY

Chairman Johnson has no report.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports:
4.53 inches of rain in August. Average since 1987 is 4.27 inches of rain for August.
There were 950 calls in August. There were four closures for Cooke's Ground for over 0.5 inch on August 7, 19, 22, & 28, 2019. There were three closures in the CAA (1-1.49

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inches) on August 7, 19 & 28, 2019 and one closure in the CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) on August 28, 2019.

There was one report of a bypass for August. On August 19, 2019 at 60 South Smith St for storm flow procedures (.98 inches of rain, 30,000 gallons).

WASTEWATER

No Report.

WATER QUALITY

Commissioner Bartush reports that Chairman Schnierlein gave an update on Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). He explained what the State of CT is doing to address PFAS. The Committee supported a letter provided by Louise Washer that is being sent by a group of environmental advocacy groups to Governor Lamont regarding the pesticide chlorpyrifos. This pesticide is used by golf courses and farms and presents a clear threat to water quality in Connecticut and in Norwalk's watershed. The Committee talked about the Norwalk River Watershed Initiative and how a meeting of the representatives from the watershed towns and the State and Federal agencies can be convened to re-establish the initiative.

PERMITS

Permits are moving along.

POLICE

Marine Division just lost one Officer back to patrol and Officer Vetare will be going back to patrol on September 23, 2019.

ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 71 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

No Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

52 Shorefront Park – DEEP Permit Consultation Form sent after site inspection.

26 Shorefront Park – A new Certificate of Permission application has been submitted to the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission. The Harbor Management Commission is deferring to the Norwalk Shellfish Commission for consultation. Shellfish Commissioners have questions about the current drawings. Commissioners are trying to determine if changes were necessary and unavoidable. Work performed may be inconsistent with the Harbor Management Plan and contain environmental infractions.

Department of Transportation submitted documentation to DEEP for Walk Bridge Project without Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission sign offs. Shellfish Commission's outstanding items include: work barge stationing, Eversource's final plan, final dredging spoils haulout locations, telemetry or data reporting format and timing, written post turbidity exceedance investigation and action plans, final low salt marsh

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remediation plans, initial and pre construction sentinel stations data and allowable NTUs and/or % over turbidity background.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners will be reviewing other town's guidelines for harvest

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 3, 2019 @7:00pm Health Department.

**ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Bartush, second by Commissioner Sachinelli,
Vote Unanimous 8:00 PM**

Minutes by Thomas Closter