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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting August 2, 2018 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:03 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Pat DeVito, Steve Bartush, Pete Johnson, Steven Kvance, Nick Sacchinelli

Staff: Thomas Closter

Police: Sgt. Pete LaPak

Advisory:

Guests:

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

July Minutes approved with one correction by Comm. Bartush, 2nd by Comm. DeVito.

Tim Pettee, representing Greens Ledge Light Preservation Society, discussed a Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Permit Consultation Form to install a dock at Greens Ledge Lighthouse. The proposed 50 foot float and piers (*could*) be in a leased shellfish bed and would need the owner's approval. *The Shellfish Commission expressed concerns that the structure would be underbuilt for the local conditions.* Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

Comm. DeVito reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		6/30/18	\$22,257.34	
DEPOSIT	Fisherman's			206 Clam
	World	7/9/18	\$ 3,015.00	Permits
	Town of Westport	7/19/18	\$ 70.94	Phone
INTEREST			\$	
EXPENSES	Frontier	7/19 to 8/18	(\$ 71.78)	Phone
	Steve Bartush		(\$ 32.70)	Flags
BALANCE		7/31/18		\$25,238.80
	Last Year	7/31/17		\$17,017.77
	Two Years Ago	7/31/16		\$13,693.16

SECRETARY

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Commissioner Johnson discussed the CTDOT Walk Bridge Program Transmission Line Relocation Information Session that was held on July 30, 2018 at 5:00 pm in Norwalk City Hall Room 231.

Purpose and need for transmission line relocations

The Walk Bridge improvement program will remove the current transmission high towers which support the CTDOT MetroNorth and Eversource power lines. Plans for the relocated transmission lines are as follows:

- The CTDOT MetroNorth power lines will be relocated in two phases. The first temporary relocation will be moved immediately to the south of the New Haven Line/Walk Bridge. The transmission lines will be under the harbor from east of North Water Street to east of the harbor shoreline where they reconnect with the MetroNorth rail power and catenary system. The second permanent transmission line phase will relocate the transmission lines to the north of the Walk Bridge.
- Eversource's two 115kV lines are being re-routed through a combination of aerial and under harbor transmission lines that reconnect with existing aerial lines in South Norwalk in the vicinity of Madison Street at the New Haven Mainline and in the vicinity of Fort Point Street and the New Haven Line.

Members of both the Shellfish Commission and Harbor Management Commission spoke out about Eversource's transmission line relocation project affecting Norwalk Harbor. Both Commission's object to that portion of the proposed relocation route that would breach the recently rebuilt Norwalk Visitor's Dock, public boat ramp and parking area at the Dunavan Boating Center. A major concern is the ability to modify a public resource because of right of way restrictions. Suggestions were made to modify existing path or remodel existing dock configuration.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports:

4.66 inches of rain in July. Average since 1987 is 3.41 inches of rain for July. There were 2,642 calls in July. There were three closures for Cooke's Ground for over .5 inch on July 17, 22 & 25, 2018. There were two closures in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) on July 17 & 25, 2018 and one closure in the CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) for July 26, 2018.

There were no reports of a bypass for July.

WASTEWATER

No Report

WATER QUALITY

No Report

PERMITS

Commissioner DeVito said Fisherman's World provided first installment of \$3,015.00 for permits for 2018.

POLICE

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

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ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 78 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

No Report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Bartush discussed the press release for the John Frank Memorial unveiling and will contact his family to schedule a date.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bartush discussed the reinvigorated Water Quality Committee selected by the Harbor Management Commission. Chairman Joe Schnierlein set the first meeting for Thursday, September 6th from 6 to 7 pm in the Health Department's second floor library, prior to the Shellfish Committee Meeting at 7:00pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 6, 2018 @7:00pm Health Department Library.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Kvance, Vote Unanimous 6:50 PM

Minutes by Thomas Closter