

**CITY OF NORWALK
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Steve Bartush, Chairman; Jonathan Pageler; Nick Sacchinelli; Jordan Saxe

OTHER: William Mooney; Alan Kibbe, Harbor Commission; John Hiltz; Justin Bisceglie,
Harbor Master

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bartush called the meeting to order at 7:19 P.M. There was a quorum present.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance of those present was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2024 AS
SUBMITTED.**

**** MR. PAGELER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver his report. He said there had been no changes since last month. The balance is \$24,938.00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chairman Bartush said there was no report but wished to make a statement. He said he felt confused as to the respective roles of the Harbor Commission and the Shellfish Commission. He expressed a desire for better communication between commissions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mooney came forward to present his report. He provided a summary of the rainfall over the prior month. He said there were no reported bypasses and two closures.

B) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

There was no report at this time.

C) WATER QUALITY

There was no report at this time.

D) PERMITS

Mr. Mooney reported that there had been no news from Fisherman's World, but he would visit next week to gain information and would have a report for August.

E) POLICE

It was noted that call volume had gone up by 30% but there was nothing that pertained directly to Shellfish.

F) ADVISORY

There was no Advisory report at this time.

G) HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kibbe came forward to deliver his report. He said there had been a lot of requests regarding Wilson Point and provided more information regarding the requests. He said they had found an engine for the Harbor Masters Boat. He said it was an \$8,000.00 expense. Further discussion followed. He reviewed the status of the harbor for those present. It was noted that the intent of the Harbor Commission was to increase municipal authority compared to state authority. Discussion followed regarding the Eversource project and the input of the Harbor Management Commission and Shellfish Commission.

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE REPORTS AS PRESENTED.**

**** MR. SAXE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was noted that the Harbor Commission completed the grant application for the rebuilding of the Veteran's Park Marina. The application was submitted on time on July 1st to the Connecticut Port Authority. The estimated cost of the project is over \$4,000,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS

13 SEABREEZE PLACE

Mr. Hilts came forwards to discuss this item. A report had been received regarding the property. It was noted that the dock was essentially identical to the one to the south. He reviewed the changes that would need to be done to build the dock. Further discussion followed.

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR 13 SEABREEZE PLACE AS SUBMITTED WITH STANDARD LANGUAGE.**

**** MR. SAXE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

28 SHOREFRONT PARK

Mr. Hilts came forward to discuss this item. He said it was identical to a neighboring dock. He reviewed the details of the proposed dock for those present. Chairman Bartush said that he felt joint comments would be appropriate if Harbor Management decided to act upon this report. It was suggested that they do a jointly signed letter from both commissions though the possibility of the Shellfish Commission handling this item alone was raised. Mr. Kibbe said he did not see why the Harbor Commission would not support the same effort. Discussion followed.

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED TO CIRCULATE A DRAFT LETTER TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS BOARD APPROVAL.**

**** MR. SACCHINELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Pageler encouraged the Commission to not focus on incidents going forwards and focus more on the intent of legislation. Discussion followed regarding the intent and purpose of the Shellfish Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. SACCHINELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

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