

**City of Norwalk
Shellfish Commission Meeting
July 11, 2019
Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Steve Bartush, Pete Johnson, Tom Mattera

Staff: Thomas Closter

Police: Officer Michael Silva

Advisory: Captain Dave Hopp, Harbormaster Gregg Scully

Guests: Joe Schnierlein, Tim Pramer, Diane Lauricella, Adam Fox, John Hanifin, Lauren DiGiovanni, Julie Georges, Christian Brown, Jeff Roia, John Romano, Tony Mobilia

PUBLIC COMMENT

DOT representatives answered questions posed by the Shellfish Commission:

Allowable turbidity presented by DOT – April data was given to the Commission, will look at format.

Environmental Compliance is from the Department's Standard Specifications for Roads, Bridges, Facilities and Incidental Construction.

Who is appointed the WQ engineer and the backup WQ engineer – Has not been finalized yet but most likely one of the Department's Office of Environmental Compliance's on-call environmental consultant inspectors.

Describe the format of the automated turbidity exceedance notification – DOT is currently working on the specifics and it will depend on the equipment that is selected by the Contractor.

Shellfish Commission phone numbers added for fish kill notifications.

Contingency plan for broken or otherwise inoperable or missing monitoring equipment – There will be multiple meters and back-up hand held meters, in the event that there is no operable equipment, work will be suspended.

DOT is currently working on the specifics of the software settings for turbidity exceedance alarms.

Telemetry and/or data reporting format and timing from sentinel stations – The data will be screened live during the monitoring and summarized on a monthly basis to the Commission along with the exceedance investigation reporting.

Final dredging spoils haul out location – Haul out locations are proposed for the northeast and southeast quadrants of the bridge on State-owned property.

Barge position locations to be provided.

CTDOT and the Walk Project Team are coordinating with Eversource to provide them our design parameters to aid in their evaluation of a northerly route.

The wetland mitigation permit plates will be reviewed and finalized after the consultant submits them to the Department on 7-12-19.

Phrag removal is not considered a mitigation. It is a condition of the ACOE Permit to control invasives on and adjacent to a project site.

Construction schedule will be shared when available.

The latest draft of the tidal wetland creation document is being provided.

Identification of oyster cultch source – has not been determined, open to suggestions of the Shellfish Commission.

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The terrapin area was designed by OEP and CTDOT Soils unit through testing/matching the soil composition of one of CT's highest density terrapin nesting beaches.

Minimal shrub planting? – will be based on visual survey of the sites yearly.

Would it be possible to provide a color-coded planting species schedule across all sites? – Hatching is for reproduction purposes for DEEP and ACOE.

Wetland restoration signs are important – signs are located on the permit plan sets.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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

TREASURER

There was no report.

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		4/30/19	\$23,163.29	
DEPOSIT			\$	
INTEREST			\$	
EXPENSES				

BALANCE		5/31/19	\$23,090.67
	Last Year	5/31/18	\$22,220.78
	Two Years Ago	5/31/17	\$19,960.49

SECRETARY

Chairman Johnson has no report.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports:

4.62 inches of rain in June. Average since 1987 is 4.25 inches of rain for June. There were 640 calls in June. There were five closures for Cooke's Ground for over 0.5 inch on June 11, 13, 16, 18 & 30, 2019. There was one closure in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) on June 18, 2019 and no closures in the CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches).

There were no reports of a bypass for June.

WASTEWATER

No Report.

WATER QUALITY

Joe Schnierlein reports that the Mayor's Water Quality Committee discussed the accidental clearing of trees by Recreation & Parks at the riverbank at Oyster Shell Park. NRW is working on replacing the plants and adopting the area to keep it clear of invasives. He also talked about the Norwalk River Watershed Initiative and how a

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meeting of the representatives from the watershed towns and the State and Federal agencies can be convened to re-establish the initiative.

PERMITS

No report.

POLICE

Officer Silva reports 12 hours of patrol and one arrest.

ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 73 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Tony Mobilia asked the Health Department to check the records for payments made to the Water Quality interns.

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

OLD BUSINESS

52 Shorefront Park – DEEP Permit Consultation Form received from Mr. Franklin Tuck to construct a 4' by 94' piling supported timber pier that includes a 7' by 14' pier head. Tabled pending site inspection.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commission went in to Executive Session at 8:04pm to discuss a dock application. Session ended at 8:35pm.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 1, 2019 @7:00pm Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Mattera, second by Commissioner Bartush, Vote Unanimous 8:35 PM

Minutes by Thomas Closter