

**CITY OF NORWALK
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 6, 2024**

ATTENDANCE: Steve Bartush, Chairman; Nick Sacchinelli; Jordan Saxe; Johnathan Pageler (7:41)

OTHER: William Mooney; Alan Kibbe, Harbor Commission; Dr. John Pinto, Harbor Commission; Sgt. Justin Bisceglie; Mr. Mooney; John Hilts

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bartush called the meeting of the Shellfish Commission to order at 7:18 P.M. There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2024 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MR. SAXE 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 the Treasurer's report. He said there had been no change since the last month. The balance remains at \$24,938.00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chairman Bartush said he had received a letter signed by various Chairs and Commissioners from Harbor with respect to the objection of no presentation made by the Eversource applicant at the public hearing.

There was also a letter that went out regarding protecting the City's costs with respect to any changes or modifications to the Donovan voting center.

There is a letter from Ms. Bonacic from the City addressing Dr. Pinto and Commissioner Johnson, with respect to comments made at the May meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver the Health Department report. He said that, for the month of May, they had had 3.71 inches of rain. There were no closures in Norwalk though there was one closure on May 2nd due to fire.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver the Water Treatment Plant report. There was a discharge of treated effluent on May 28th due to a faulty tank.

WATER QUALITY

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver the Water Quality report. He said there were no updates at this time.

PERMITS

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver the Permits report. He said there were no updates at this time.

POLICE

Sgt. Bisceglie came forward to deliver the Police report. He provided an update on the recent fire and addressed concerns about oil getting into the harbor. There had been one Shellfish complaint received that had been delt with.

ADVISORY

Sgt. Bisceglie came forward to deliver the Advisory report. He said the water temp had been taken at 66 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kibbe came forward to deliver the Harbor Management Report. He said that the Walk Bridge project was moving along. He had looked at the harbor and examined the moorings in place for retaining barges for the construction project. They had no complaints regarding the three locations in the Norwalk River in the inner harbor. They have completed an evidentiary hearing with Eversource regarding the cable crossing of transmission lines. He provided a summary of the findings for those present.

Dr. Pinto said they had submitted their recommendations and comments which were in the letter. Further discussion followed. The O&G proposal was also discussed. It was noted that there was much public opposition to it. There has also been discussions regarding who has responsibility for enforcing requirements for avoiding encroachments. Further discussion followed.

**** MR. SAXE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

13 SEABREEZE PLACE

Mr. Hilts came forward to discuss this item. He said this was the last dock that could be built on this stretch. It's next to one that was formerly owned by Joseph Thomas. It will be a pile-supported pier-ramp holding dock. The site has some big concrete slabs in the tidal wetlands and there's a set of concrete steps to a pathway of flagstones going through the Spartina, which will be removed.

He reviewed the details of the dock that will be installed. It's already been vetted by Connecticut. They are going through the pre-application consultation procedures. Discussion followed regarding the concrete blocks.

Mr. Pageler joined the meeting at 7:41 P.M.

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Ian A. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services