

**CITY OF NORWALK
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 1, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Steve Bartush, Chair; Jonathan Pageler, Nicholas Sacchinelli, Jordan Saxe
Pete Johnson (7:29 p.m.)

OTHERS: Kyle Bader, Health Department; Alan Kibbe, Harbor Management
Chair, Joseph Schnierlein, Water Quality Advisory Chair; Geoff
Steadman, Harbor Commission Consultant

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bartush called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The roll was called. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2023
MEETING.**

**** MR. SACCHINELLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2023 MEETING AS
SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to address the Commission at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Bader said that the beginning balance was \$28,047.50 with expenditures of \$824.33 which
resulted in an ending balance of \$27,313.17. The cost of the boat enclosure has been paid.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Health Department – Mr. Bader presented the information. There was 2.97 inches of rainfall in May of 2023 as compared to the 3.39 inches of rain in May of 2022. Historically, there has been an average of 4.44 inches for the month of May. There was one bypass on May 20th with a two hour duration. There was also one closure on May 20th due to the rainfall.

B) Wastewater Treatment Plant – No report.

C) Water Quality – Mr. Schnierlein said that the major points of discussion at the recent Water Quality Committee were PFOS and PFAS. He reported that Mr. Harris and Ms. Washer were able to provide information to the Town of Wilton about the artificial turf issues, and the item was not approved because of this along with a major transfer from the school budget and the increase in the mill rate.

Mr. Schnierlein said that there were concerns about the red tide but there has been no dead fish found and the menhaden had been seen in both the Five Mile River and Norwalk Harbor. The red algae is slightly toxic, so they will continue to monitor the situation.

D) Permits – No report.

E) Police – Mr. Bartush said that Sgt. Busceglie had sent a report that indicated there have been no incidents. The ordinary shell fishing enforcement for the summer season has begun.

F) Advisory – No report.

G) Harbor Management – Mr. Steadman gave a brief overview of the recent approval by the Siting Council and their decision not to hold a public hearing. Eversource will be applying for their DEEP and ACOE permits. Mr. Steadman then gave the details of that process.

Mr. Kibbe said that the Common Council would be considering a resolution regarding harbor access at their meeting. He also spoke about anchorage in the East Basin and the north side of Sheffield Island.

Mr. Johnson joined the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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

**** MR. JOHNSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Walk Bridge – DOT** – No additional information was presented at this time.

- **Eversource** – No additional information was presented at this time.

- **18 Burwell St.** – Mr. Bartush said that Mr. DeBartolomeo had presented an application pending a revision that would have addressed the peat or bog cutouts for the footprints of the proposed piles. The document was also changed to state that the phragmites removal would not take place. The revised form has not been received. Mr. Bartush said that he had spoken with Dr. Pinto of the Harbor Management Application Review Committee about these points.

- **12 Shorehaven Rd.** – Mr. Holtz has withdrawn the application.

NEW BUSINESS

- Eversource LWRD License Application

Mr. Bartush said that they had expected Eversource to be present, but they were not. He added that Mr. Mooney had duly informed Eversource about the meeting as a matter of record.

**** MR. JOHNSON MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL THERE WAS A PROFESSIONAL PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSION.**

**** MR. SAXE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Next Meeting – July 6, 2023 @ 7:15pm (Zoom)

ADJOURNMENT

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

*** MR. SAXE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
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