

**CITY OF NORWALK
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2023**

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

OTHER: William Mooney, Health Department; Alan Kibbe, Harbor Chair; Joe Schnierlein, Water Quality Chair; John Hilts; Justin Bisceglie; Tim DeBartolomeo

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bartush called the meeting to order at 7:16 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken. There was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2023 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 his report. He said it was largely the same as the prior month. There is a balance of \$28,037.50. He had submitted the enclosure request. He is also working on the \$3,000.00 regarding insurance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A review of the funding for the interns in summertime followed with Mr. Mooney providing details. It was noted when discussing Harbor Watch that the determining factor regarding if the beach would be closed for shellfishing or not would be rainfall amounts and not coliform count.

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED PROGRAM.**

**** MR. JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver his report. He provided the rainfall totals for April. He noted that the reservoirs were at 100% full. There was one bypass on April 30. There were three closures on April 23, 29, and 30th due to rainfall amounts.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

There was no report at this time.

WATER QUALITY

Mr. Schnierlein came forward to deliver his report. At their recent meeting the focus had been on dealing with PFOS and PFOA and he reviewed the results of that meeting. He noted that there had been no red flag at Calf Pasture Beach recently. Further discussion regarding the status of the beach followed.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kibbe came forward to discuss this item. They are adding two transient moorings to the Norwalk Harbor. They have been working on permitting barge moorings in both the outer and inner harbor. D.E.E.P. has permitted several locations for barges. Further discussion followed regarding the resulting impact. They have called for a public hearing of the citing council regarding cables from Eversource that was denied. Further discussion followed regarding the Eversource routing. They have applied for a permit from D.E.E.P. to amend their permit for speed markers. Further discussion followed. The status of the city's comprehensive rezoning initiative was reviewed as well. He brought up a recent dock permit where the applicants drawings showed it extending into the neighbors' littoral area and the reviewed the ongoings surrounding that. The question of whether Eversource would start sending representatives to the meetings was raised and discussed. The possibility of having a public meeting regarding the Eversource application was raised.

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

**** MR. JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

18 BURWELL ST

Mr. DeBartolomeo came forward to discuss this item. There was a site inspection last month. Mr. DeBartolomeo provided an overview of the application for those present. Discussion followed regarding the eradication of certain plants which were removed from the project all together. Discussion followed regarding the last pair of pilings waterward. Mr. DeBartolomeo said he would send the Commission updated drawings.

**** A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE ITEM WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT UPDATED DRAWINGS SHALL BE SENT OUT.**

**** MR. SACCHINELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

12 SHOREHAVEN RD

Mr. Hilts came forwards to discuss this item. There was a pier with a boat lift that the owners had realized did not work well. They desire to install a ramp and a float as a result. Further discussion followed regarding the proposed ramp. Mr. Bartush said that the site had been inspected several years ago. It was suggested that they wait till Harbor makes their comments and then they follow up then.

It was noted that the money for the Street and Access study had been allocated by the Bond Commission. Further discussion followed regarding the Street and Access study.

PERMITS

This item was not discussed at this time.

POLICE

This item was not discussed at this time.

ADVISORY

This item was not discussed at this time.

WALK BRIDGE – DOT

This item was not discussed at this time.

EVERSOURCE

This item was not discussed at this time.

ROTON POINT ASSOCIATION

This item was not discussed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** MR. SAXE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
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