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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting April 4, 2019 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Steve Bartush, Pete Johnson, Pat DeVito, Nick Sacchinelli

Staff: Thomas Closter

Police: Sgt. Pete LaPak

Advisory:

Guests: Tony Mobilia, Dr. John Pinto, Joe Schnierlein, Tim Pramer, Diane Lauricella, Geoff Steadman

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

March Minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. Bartush, 2nd by Comm. DeVito. Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

Comm. DeVito reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		2/28/19	\$24,885.51	
DEPOSIT				
INTEREST			\$ 22.00	
EXPENSES	Frontier	3/19 to 4/18	(\$ 72.84)	Phone Monitoring
	Tom Hart		(\$900.00)	Services
BALANCE		3/31/19		\$23,934.67
	Last Year	3/31/18		\$22,289.04
	Two Years Ago	3/31/17		\$19,640.75

SECRETARY

None

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports:

3.55 inches of rain in March. Average since 1987 is 4.20 inches of rain for March. There were 136 calls in March. There were two closures for Cooke's Ground for over 0.5 inch on March 4 & 22, 2019. There were no closures in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) and

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CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) in March.
There were no bypass reports for March.

WASTEWATER

No Report.

WATER QUALITY

Joe Schnierlein reports that the Mayor's Water Quality Committee discussed a Buck Scientific report about the high concentrations of lead near the Walk Bridge. He met with Buck Scientific and discussed unfounded information in samples that were not preserved, processed in a lab that was not certified, has no quality assurance plan and waited thirty days to process the water samples. Subsequent industry-paid sampling demonstrated no lead problems.

He also mentioned Aquarion has withdrawn their request to withdraw water from the Cannondale Well.

PERMITS

Commissioner DeVito stated all new permits and tide calendars are in place.

POLICE

Sgt. LaPak reports 10 hours of patrol, no arrests, no violations and no recreational activity. Officer Silva utilized an intern to update signage at Calf Pasture and will also look at the front gate. DOT has installed a water quality monitoring station at the Marine Division observation deck.

ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 41 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Tony Mobilia presented an invoice from Professor Tom Hart for \$450 dollars for extra work for advisory services regarding monitoring activity for the Walk Bridge Project. Harbor Management Commission will share the invoice with the Shellfish Commission. Drone was ordered and will be available soon.

Motion made by Commissioner Bartush, second by Commissioner Sachinelli to pay half of the invoice (\$225). Vote Unanimous.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Pettee and Frank Mullaney, representing the Greens Ledge Light Preservation Society submitted a new drawing regarding repairs and improvements to the Greens Ledge Light (GLL) with the dock entirely north facing. They will likely present at the next Shellfish Meeting to reflect a more northerly position of the dock, as well as steel pilings and davits to lift dock.

Walk Bridge – no update, project moving slower than anticipated. No word from Eversource regarding the compromised ecological report.

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Commissioner Bartush and Geoff Steadman met with members of the Planning of Conservation & Development (POCD) to present a Proposed Coastal Vision report for Conservation, Economic Development, and Beneficial Land-Use in the Norwalk Coastal Area Management (CAM) Area. Staff agreed to incorporate some of the conclusions into the POCD document.

Motion from Commissioner Bartush, second by Commissioner DeVito to include Coastal Vision in public documents for POCD. Unanimous Vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ralph Kolb from the Water Pollution Control Authority needs a sign off from the Shellfish Commission for a permit application to DEEP for work that was completed under an emergency permit to replace an existing sewer main between the ends of Hawkins Avenue and Alden Avenue. Commission will review permit application.

Shellfish Commissioner Steve Kvance submitted his letter of resignation because of health issues. The Commission thanked Mr. Kvance for his time and contributions.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 2, 2019 @7:00pm Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Sachinelli, second by Commissioner Bartush, Vote Unanimous 8:29 PM

Minutes by Thomas Closter