

**City of Norwalk
Shellfish Commission Meeting
MARCH 5th, 2009**

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CALL TO ORDER 7:10 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Jack Casagrande, Pete Johnson, Dr. Serena

Staff: Tom Closter

Police: Sgt Peter LaPak

Advisory: Harbormaster Mike Griffin

Guests: None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (January)

Approved with no corrections by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Serena

TREASURER

Comm. Johnson reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		12/31/08	\$14,075.12	
DEPOSIT	interest	Jan	\$27.00	
	Fisherman's World	1/27/09	\$556.00	
	Hiller Sports	1/27/09	\$973.00	
EXPENSE	Phone Co.		(\$71.84)	
	Barbara Schwab		(\$57.14)	Flags
	Professional			
	Graphics		(\$180.00)	Envelopes
	Silvermine Press		(\$408.00)	Permits
BALANCE		1/31/09	\$14,914.14	
DEPOSIT	Pramer Oyster	2/25/09	\$402.00	
	Interest	Feb	\$30.00	
EXPENSE	Silvermine Press		(\$294.00)	Tide
BALANCE				Calendars
		2-28-2009	\$15,052.14	
	last year	2-28-2008	\$6,832.48	
	two years ago	2-28-2007	\$25,337.05	

SECRETARY

Coastal Permit received from Department of Environmental Protection for Rowayton Yacht Club for renovation work at 77 Bluff Ave, will forward to Comm. Frank for review

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports: 2.29 inches of rain in January vs. 2.09 last year and average since 1987 of 3.37 inches. For February 0.75 inches of rain vs. 6.42 last year and average since 1987 of 2.63 inches. Total rain for 2009 is 3.04 inches. There were 222 calls in January and 145 calls in February.

There was a complete closure in the half-inch area from January 7, 2009 to January 24, 2009 based on rain events. No closures reported for February.

There were six spills reported for February.

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2/15/2009	152 Winfield St	750 gals	Floats Failed @ Pump Station	50 min
2/15/2009	Treatment Plant	500 gals	Pumped Tripped Off	15 min
2/16/2009	8 June Ave	200 gals	Blocked Sewer Line	60 min
2/17/2009	Treatment Plant	N/A gals	Repairs	5 Hours
2/17/2009	Treatment Plant	N/A gals	Repairs	5 Hours
2/18/2009	12 Bouton St	1,000 gals	Grease Blockage	45 min

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Comm. Johnson reports ODOR is still very strong early every morning.

WATER QUALITY

Mr. Tony D'Andrea still working on major spill from October. John Frank and Mr. D'Andrea will follow-up with information to proper agencies for some action. NU has been very cooperative. Platt St reviewed. Discussions centered on meeting schedule, budget and water quality interns.

PERMITS

Comm. Casagrande handed out tide charts, permits are in stores. Also handed out maps from David Carey, Department of Aquaculture, showing Norwalk revised recreational areas effective 3/1/09 and overlap between recreational and commercial beds. Maps will be reviewed and discussed at next meeting. Changes were made based on Aquaculture's annual evaluation of the shellfish growing areas.

POLICE

Sgt LaPak reports not much activity. Dredging looked competent. Norwalk Yacht Club also doing maintenance dredging and issues arose when Tub relocated to Norm Bloom's shellfish grounds because of oncoming storm.

ADVISORY

Sgt LaPak reports water temp is 37 ° F.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Mike Griffin reports dredging finished on Feb 14, 2009 as required by contract with 120,000 cubic yards removed. Next step is waiting for survey maps. Harbor Management Commission will have a pre application process to review applications before being submitted to DEP. Harbormaster Griffin would like to see the Shellfish Commission adopt guidelines and requirements for applicants to assure no vessel shall rest on any shellfish resource area. He also stated he would like to see the creation of a document regarding air pollution and its effect on water quality. Harbor Management made request for funding for next budget cycle for phase III of dredging project.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson voiced concern about Northeast Utilities remediation efforts on recreational beds from cable project.

NEW BUSINESS

Harbormaster Griffin reports two meetings on March 11, 2009. Department of Environmental Protection sponsoring Harbormaster outreach program and Harbor Management Association having a meeting at New Haven Aquaculture Library regarding

Harbor Management issues around the State.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting pushed back one week to April 9, 2009

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 8:05PM by Comm. Serena, 2nd by Comm. Johnson

Minutes by Tom Closter

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