

**CITY OF NORWALK
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2022**

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference

ATTENDANCE: Pete Johnson, Chair; Steve Bartush

OTHERS: William Mooney, Health Department; Joe Schnierlein, Water Quality Chair
John Romano, Harbor Commission Chair; Geoff Steadman, Harbor
Commission Consultant

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. A quorum was not present. He said that both Mr. Mattera and Mr. Madaffari have retired, so the Commission has two open seats.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was not a quorum present

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report. Mr. Bartush said that there was a joint meeting of the Harbor Management, Water Quality, and Shellfish scheduled after this meeting at 8 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Health Department – 3.51 inches of rainfall; 2 closures and no reported bypasses.

B) Wastewater Treatment Plant – No report.

C) Water Quality – Mr. Schnierlein said that they had just held their meeting and the discussion was about the DOT’s work on the Walk Bridge. The second item discussed was a letter about SB 120 involving an act concerning the use of chlorpyrifos and neonicotinoids for nonagricultural use.

D) Permits – Tide calendars have been dropped off at Fisherman’s World

E) Police – No report

F) Advisory – No report

G) Harbor Management – Mr. Romano said that he would defer his comments to the following meeting.

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

**** MR. JOHNSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Walk Bridge - DOT**
- **Eversource**
- **80-84 Seaview Ave.**
- **Norwalk Yacht Club mooring consultation for NHMC**
- **Sprite Island Yacht Club mooring consultation for NHMC**
- **9 Rowayton Ave. (Boat Dock)**

Mr. Bartush said that they had not been able to do the site inspections yet.

NEW BUSINESS.

- **72 Shorefront Park**

Next Meeting – April 7, 2022 @ 7:15pm (Zoom)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
S. L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF NORWALK
JOINT MEETING OF THE
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION,
MAYOR'S WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE
AND THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MARCH 3, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: **Harbor Management Commission**

John Romano, Chair
Allan Kibbe
Dr. John Pinto
Laurie Jones
John Crespo

Shellfish

Peter Johnson, Chair
Steve Bartush

Water Quality:

Joseph Schnierlein, Chair
Dick Harris
Diane Lauricella
Geoff Steadman
Louise Water

OTHERS: William Mooney, Health Department; Bruce Lovallo, Harbor Master

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Romano called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. He said that the Commissions and the Committee has already reviewed electronic copies of the documentation. The group would be approving a concept for each item.

Mr. Steadman said that the discussion has to do with the DOT permit for the Walk Railroad Bridge. Mr. Steadman stated that the public comment was closed for the general public on February 28th, except for comments from the Harbor Commission.

The following topics were then reviewed and discussed by the group:

1. Protecting Water Quality
2. Maintaining Public Navigation Safety

3. Planning for bulk-heading along the proposed Water St. Marina staging area
4. Ensuring future water-dependent uses
5. Establishing and maintaining coordination with the Harbor Master & local emergency services
6. Managing barge mooring locations, and
7. Protecting the quality of life in shorefront residential areas adjoining Manresa Island
8. Wetland Remediation (by DOT)

The comments were noted and will be compiled into the comments that are sent to the DOT regarding the permit for the Walk Railroad Bridge.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. ROMANO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

Mr. Steadman asked for an update on the status of the Coast Guard Permit, and the Eversource Project.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services