

**CITY OF NORWALK
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2023**

ATTENDANCE: Steve Bartush, Chair; Pete Johnson, Nicholas Sacchinelli,
Jonathan Pageler, Jordan Saxe

OTHERS: William Mooney, Health Department; Alan Kibbe, Harbor Management
Chair, Joseph Schnierlein, Water Quality Advisory Chair; Sgt. Busceglie,
Norwalk Marine Police; 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.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Welcome new Commissioners: Pete Johnson & Jordan Saxe**

Mr. Bartush welcomed Mr. Saxe and returning Commissioner Johnson to the meeting. He also congratulated Mr. Kibbe on his election as Norwalk Harbor Management Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **February 2, 2023**

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2023.**

**** MR. SACHINELLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH TWO (2) IN FAVOR (PAGELER AND
SACHINELLI) AND TWO (2) ABSTENTIONS (JOHNSON AND SAXE).**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present for comment.

TREASURER REPORT

Mr. Mooney presented the Treasurer's Report to the Commissioners.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Health Department –

Mr. Mooney stated the amount of rainfall for the month of February and added that last February, the rainfall was 3.51 inches. Historically it is 2.91. There were no closures or bypass events.

B) Wastewater Treatment Plant – No report.

C) Water Quality – Mr. Schnierlein updated the Commissioners on the recent Water Quality meeting.

D) Permits – No report.

E) Police – The new flag has been received.

F) Advisory – Mr. Johnson said that they would start seeding clams around April 1st. A discussion followed regarding the water temperature and shellfish propagation.

G) Harbor Management – Mr. Steadman said that he testified at the recent Hartford hearings. He said that he felt that the proposed Harbor management bill was a good one because it gives the Harbor Commissions input. The Harbor Commissions along the coast are all in favor of this.

Mr. Steadman then updated Federal National Research Conservation Service that was mapping subaqueous soils and they will be working in the Norwalk area. He said that he would like to ask them to take some samples south of Veteran's Park.

Mr. Bartush said that the Shellfish Commission had been asked to comment on 25 Covlee Drive on the Norwalk/Westport line. Mr. Steadman said that the Harbor Management had no comments. Mr. Bartush displayed the site plan on screen.

Mr. Steadman said that it had been pointed out by the applicant's representative that there was no requirement for the application to be submitted to the Shellfish Commission for

review. He suggested that the Harbor Management consider formalizing the application review procedures for CAM and DEEP application. Discussion followed.

**** MR. JOHNSON MOVED TO INSPECT THE SITE TO SEE IF THERE ARE DOCK STOPS.**

**** MR. PAGELER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Walk Bridge** – DOT-- No additional information.
- **Eversource.** – No additional information.
- **Roton Point Association** – No additional information.

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

**** MR. SACHINELLI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. PAGELER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services