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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting March 1, 2018 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Pat DeVito, Steve Bartush, Nick Sacchinelli, Pete Johnson
Staff: Thomas Closter
Police: None
Advisory: Captain Dave Hopp
Guests: Doug Stabell

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

February Minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. DeVito, 2nd by Comm. Sacchinelli. Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

Comm. DeVito reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		1/31/187	23,020.05	
DEPOSIT				
INTEREST	January		\$ 4.00	
EXPENSES	Frontier	2/19 to 3/18	(\$ 71.12)	Phone
	Silvermine Press		(\$ 258.50)	Calendars
	G. Steadman		(\$ 512.77)	John Frank
BALANCE		2/28/18		\$22,181.66
	Last Year	2/28/17		\$19,390.79
	Two Years Ago	2/28/16		\$14,074.00

SECRETARY

Commissioner Johnson reports he is investigating the possible use of drones to assist the Marine Division in identifying boat names, moorings and aid in search and rescue operations.

Commissioner Johnson also received a Permit Consultation Form from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection from Eversource regarding underground cables moving through the Visitors Dock and Boat Ramp. After discussion, the Shellfish Commission sent comments that the work described will adversely impact a shellfish area. The newly renovated Visitor's Dock location is unacceptable due to the location of

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its pilings and floats in relation to the proposed lines. The design will restrict future maintenance and improvements and the Commission needs more details in terms of directional boring capability. Other concerns are water temperature rise and electromagnetic changes because Norwalk Harbor is a natural shellfish bed that needs to be protected.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports: 6.39inches of rain in February. Average since 1987 is 2.79 inches of rain for February. There were 132 calls in February. There were five closures for Cooke's Ground for over .5 inch on February 4, 7, 11, 17 & 25, 2018. There were two closures in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) on February 4 & 11, 2018. There were no closures in the CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) in February.

There was one report of a bypass for February.

2-15-18 200 Gallons 2 Raymond Lane 1 Hour

WASTEWATER

None

WATER QUALITY

None

PERMITS

Commissioner DeVito said Fisherman's World has permits for 2018.

POLICE

No Report

ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 38 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

No Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

Shellfish Commissioners made a site visit to 17 Bluff Ave regarding a coastal application for a new private residential dock to ascertain if shellfish resources will be affected. Plans submitted did not accurately represent measurements. Another visit is necessary to take new measurements, find out how dock will be accessed and positioning of stairs.

Commissioner Bartush discussed JP Velotti Kelp Farm Application. Permit will now state horizontal growing lines at Lease SW-4 shall be installed no earlier than October 1 and shall be removed no later than 5pm EST on the Friday before Memorial Day weekend, on an annual basis (ranging from May 25 to May 31 depending upon calendar

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year). Horizontal growing lines at Lease SW-3 shall be installed no earlier than October 1 and shall be removed no later than 5pm EST on June 1st of the calendar year.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission reviewed Certificate of Permission request from Maxine Vigneault of 26 Shorefront Park to replace a previously authorized 12'x 60' float with a "U" shape float configuration. The Commission provided the following comments:

- 1) No 5 foot high clearance
- 2) Stairs should accommodate right of way for access
- 3) Winter removal of ramp and floating dock required
- 4) Dock stops required
- 5) Removal of construction barge at low tide
- 6) Moorings to be approved by Harbormaster
- 7) Same high tide work spud holes

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 5, 2018 @6:00pm Health Department Library.

**ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Bartush,
Vote Unanimous 6:49 PM**

Minutes by Thomas Closter