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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting August 3, 2017 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Pete Johnson, Pat DeVito, Steve Bartush, Steve Kvance, Nick Sacchinelli
Staff: Thomas Closter
Police: Bruce Lovallo, Michael Silva
Advisory: Captain Dave Hopp
Guests: Doug Stabell, Tony Mobilia

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

July Minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. Bartush, 2nd by Comm. Kvance.
Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

Comm. DeVito reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		6/30/17	\$19,953.35	
DEPOSIT	Pramer Oyster	7/25/17	\$69.50	Seed Oyster
	Town of Westport	7/12/17	\$68.64	Phone Apr-Jun
INTEREST		June	\$3.00	
EXPENSES				
	Frontier Harbor Commission	7/19 to 8/18	(\$70.72)	Phone Bill
			(\$3,000.00)	Interns
BALANCE		7/31/2017	\$17,017.77	
	Last year	7/31/2016	\$13,693.13	
	Two years ago	7/31/2015	\$13,089.04	

SECRETARY

Commissioner Johnson reports J.P. Velotti of Westport has submitted a permit application to the US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct work south and southeast of Sheffield and Shea Islands for commercial cultivation of a winter crop of native sugar kelp. Shellfish Commissioners will comment to the US Army Corps of Engineers to end the season and remove the sugar kelp gear by May 15, 2018.

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Commissioner Johnson also received a Notice of Tentative Determination to approve an application submitted by Robert Nowinski of Stamford to modify an existing dock which will include the installation of a ramp, floats, and piles, and will impact coastal resources.

Matthew T. Taverna, on behalf of RACE Coastal Engineering has submitted a Consultation form for 61 Bluff Avenue to construct a 4' wide by 41' long steel framed pier with a 3.5' x 45' aluminum gangway and a 8' x 20' timber floating dock.

Commission's determination is that the work described will adversely impact a shellfish area, needs dock stops, size needs to be reduced and floating dock and ramp needs to be removed during winter months.

Commission also reviewed an application from Stephen Hafner of 3 Browne Place, Rowayton, CT to construct a 4' by 4' by 2' tall concrete landing, a 3' by 36' aluminum ramp, a 4' by 6' timber ramp landing float, a 6.25' by 16' timber floating dock, and a two-piling timber tie off dolphin at 43 Yarmouth Road. **Commissioners tabled application pending site visit.**

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports: 4.29 inches of rain in July. Average since 1987 is 3.38 inches of rain for July. There were 1901 calls in July. There were two closures for Cooke's Ground for over .5 inch on July 7 & 11, 2017. There was one closure in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) on July 7, 2017 and one closure in the CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) for July 7, 2017. There were three reports of a bypass for July.

7-7-17	Unknown	Treatment Plant	Storm Flow Procedures
7-18-17	Unknown	Riverside Ave	Compromised Manhole
7-25-17	Unknown	6 Smith St	Water Line Installed

WASTEWATER

Commissioner Bartush stated there was no meeting in July.

WATER QUALITY

None

PERMITS

Commissioner DeVito provided 500 more laminates to Fisherman's World and they are selling.

POLICE

Officer Lovallo reports 10 hours of patrol for August. No Arrests.

ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 75 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Tony Mobilia reports that Eversource has concerns that the cables between Manresa and Sheffield Island are being striked. They are submitting a pre application to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to put marker buoys for notification.

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Buoys may impact shellfishing. He also discussed the plaque for John Frank has arrived. He will reach out to John's family and the City to set up a time and place for the ceremony.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 7, 2017 @6:00pm Health Department Library.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Kvance, second by Commissioner Sacchinelli, Vote Unanimous 7:07 PM

Minutes by Thomas Closter