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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting May 4, 2017 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:03 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Pete Johnson, Pat DeVito, Nick Sachinelli, Steve Bartush

Staff: Thomas Closter

Police: Sgt. Pete LaPak

Advisory: Captain Dave Hopp

Guests: Tony Mobilia, Tim Pramer, Tom Mattera, Steve LoParco, Doug Stabell

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve LoParco of 5 Gregory Court discussed his dock proposal.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

April Minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. Bartush, 2nd by Comm. DeVito.
Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

Comm. DeVito reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		3/31/17	\$19,640.75	
DEPOSIT	Pramer Oyster	4/7/17	\$57.50	Seed Oyster
	Bell's Shellfish	4/7/17	\$100.00	Seed Oyster
INTEREST		April	\$1.00	
EXPENSES				
	Frontier	4/19 to 5/18	(\$68.64)	Phone Bill
BALANCE		4/30/2017	\$19,730.61	
	Last year	4/30/2016	\$13,701.90	
	Two years ago	4/30/2015	\$13,501.92	

SECRETARY

Commissioner Johnson reports that Steve LoParco of 5 Gregory Court has submitted a Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Permit Consultation Form to install a 4' by 65' piling supported timber pier, install a 3' by 36' aluminum ramp, 8' by 20' timber floating dock, and two timber float anchor pilings.

Motion by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Bartush to approve with condition that dock stops will be installed. Application will not adversely affect any shellfish area. Unanimous Vote.

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Commissioner Johnson also reports that Lighthouse Preservation Group, LLC has submitted a Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Permit Consultation Form to install an access structure comprised of a 6' x 25' fixed pier with a cantilevered 4' x 11' – 4" lower platform, three swivel davits, two built in timber wave attenuators, three vertical access ladders and a 3' wide ship ladder at the landward end connecting to an existing lighthouse landing, and install a mooring and pulley line northeast of the pier at Peck Ledge Lighthouse.

Application was tabled and referred to Westport with ability to comment at a later date.

Commissioner Johnson also reports that Thomas & Allison Robbins of 5 Decker St has submitted a Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Permit Consultation Form to install a private residential dock.

Application was tabled pending inspection.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports: 5.10 inches of rain in April. Average since 1987 is 4.08 inches of rain for April. There were 375 calls in April. There were three closures for Cooke's Ground for over .5 inch on April 4, 6, & 25, 2017. There was one closure in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) on April 4, 2017 and one closure in the CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) for April 4, 2017.

There were no reports of a bypass for April.

WASTEWATER

Commissioners DeVito and Bartush attended April 17, 2017 meeting and have concerns about the Marvin Beach Pump Station wet well/influent collapse.

WATER QUALITY

None

PERMITS

Commissioner DeVito has provided permits to Fisherman's World and they are selling. Discussed trying to sell permits at Nik's Place at 86 Gregory Blvd, Norwalk, Ct.

Commissioners DeVito and Bartush passed out an updated sample of the Clam Transplant Permit. Captain David Hopp recommended adding State Statute claim of three bushel dredge limitation. Commissioners agreed.

Motion by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Sachinelli that for any new permit harvesters must come to shellfish meeting for approval. Vote Unanimous.

POLICE

Sgt. LaPak reports 10 hours of patrol for April with no arrests and no violations observed.

ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 52 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Tony Mobilia reported on new Harbormaster's phone number and email address. Also stated that the Deputy Harbormaster will be taking on more duties with moorings.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bartush talked about an invasive species, Corbicula, an Asian or Asiatic clam found in the Norwalk River which is similar to the Zebra Mussels being found near Power Plants.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 1, 2017 @6:00pm Health Department Library.

**ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Bartush.
Vote Unanimous 7:00 PM**

Minutes by Thomas Closter