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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting February 1, 2018 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Pat DeVito, Steve Bartush, Nick Sacchinelli, Pete Johnson, Steven Kvance
Staff: Thomas Closter
Police: Officer Michael Silva
Advisory: None
Guests: Tony Mobilia

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

January Minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. Kvance, 2nd by Comm. Sacchinelli. Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

Comm. DeVito reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		12/31/17	23,145.95	
DEPOSIT	Town of Westport	1/22/18	\$ 71.69	Phone
	Pramer Oyster	1/12/18	\$ 95.50	Seed Oyster
	Stabell Oyster	1/12/18	\$ 100.00	Seed Oyster
INTEREST	January		\$ 0.00	
EXPENSES	Frontier	1/19 to 2/18	(\$ 71.12)	Phone
	Constables	1/25/18	(\$ 246.97)	
	Sea Grant		(\$ 75.00)	
BALANCE		1/31/18		\$23,020.05
	Last Year	1/31/17		\$18,984.67
	Two Years Ago	1/31/16		\$16,978.31

SECRETARY

Commissioner Johnson had items to discuss and he stated they will be covered under Old and New Business.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports: 2.91inches of rain in January. Average since 1987 is 3.19 inches of

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rain for January. There were 146 calls in January. There was one closure for Cooke's Ground for over .5 inch on January 12, 2018. There was one closure in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) and CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) on January 12, 2018. There was no report of a bypass for January.

WASTEWATER

Commissioner Bartush stated that the Marvin Beach pump station is going out for bids.

WATER QUALITY

None

PERMITS

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

POLICE

Officer Silva reports there was one arrest. He also said a boat sank at 1 Selleck St and was sitting on the bottom.

ADVISORY

Water temperature reported at 39 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Tony Mobilia reports John Frank Memorial is ready and the shared cost to Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission is \$512.50 each. Tony also showed map of leased beds with shellfish area markers and will provide map & file to Commission.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioners Bartush & Johnson met with Corporation Counsel to discuss regulations for docks. Attorney McCann will review statutes and suggest language be put in for application review. Needs to research malfeasance for docks 60 feet or longer.

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.

Commissioners discussed JP Velotti Kelp Farm Application and request to extend timeframe.

Motion to extend timeframe for kelp activity to the Friday before Memorial Day by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Bartush. Vote Unanimous.

Commissioners attended 2018 Gathering of Shellfish Commissions at the Sound School Aquaculture Center in New Haven.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission discussed requiring Engineer attendance for dock applications.

Motion to require applicant's Engineer or representative to attend Shellfish Commission review made by Commissioner Bartush, second by Commissioner

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DeVito. Vote Unanimous.

Commission reviewed Certificate of Permission request for 81 Roton Ave and 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) Spartina remediation

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 1, 2018 @6:00pm Health Department Library.

**ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner DeVito, second by Commissioner Bartush,
Vote Unanimous 6:54 PM**

Minutes by Thomas Closter