



REGULAR MEETING – SHELLFISH COMMISSION AGENDA

**AUGUST 6, 2026, 6:30 PM
BY ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting. For these comments to be included into the record, they must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please email William Mooney at wmooney@norwalkct.gov with the subject line "Public Comment" to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - A. Regular Meeting: July 9, 2026**
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- V. REPORTS**
 - A. Treasurer**
 - B. Secretary**
 - C. Health Department**

D. Wastewater Treatment Plant

E. Water Quality

F. Permits

G. Police

H. Advisory

I. Harbor Management

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Harbor Loop Trail

VIII. DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

A. September 3, 2026

**CITY OF NORWALK
NORWALK SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 9, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE: Steve Bartush (Chair), Mark Hiller, Pete Johnson, Jonathan Pageler.

STAFF: Bill Mooney, Assistant Director of Health.

OTHERS: Sgt. Justin Bisceglie, Geoff Steadman (Consultant).

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bartush called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. A quorum was present.

II. ROLL CALL

A roll call of those present was performed.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR MEETING: JUNE 4, 2026

****MR. PAGELER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

****MR. HILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

V. REPORTS

A. TREASURER

Mr. Mooney reported there were no changes this month; the balance remains at \$31,997.

B. SECRETARY

Mr. Bartush reported a complaint from Mr. Johnson regarding dredged material from the new City docks project being deposited in the intertidal zone and potentially impacting oyster beds. Sgt. Bisceglie stated he was not aware of the issue and would investigate, including consulting with the Harbor Master.

C. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mooney reported 2.08 inches of rainfall in June, two closures at Cook's Ground due to rainfall, and no bypasses.

D. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

There was no report.

E. WATER QUALITY

Mr. Mooney reported that he met with the Mayor. A follow-up meeting would be scheduled with representatives from the Shellfish Commission, Harbor Management Commission, City staff, and others to discuss next steps.

F. PERMITS

Mr. Mooney reported that All American sold one permit to Mr. Bartush. Fisherman's World sold 129 shellfish permits. Approximately 67% of all permit applications included an email address.

G. POLICE

Sgt. Bisceglie noted that the water temperature was approximately 72 degrees.

H. ADVISORY

Mr. Steadman provided updates on the Manresa Island remediation project, Connecticut Port Authority initiatives, harbor management efforts in neighboring municipalities, and the Norwalk River Watershed Initiative. He reported that the Commission's comments on the Watershed Initiative had been submitted and that no update was available on the plan's adoption process.

I. HARBOR MANAGEMENT

There was no report.

****MR. PAGELER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

****MR. JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. NWI CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bartush reported that the Commission's comments regarding the Norwalk River Watershed Initiative had been finalized, approved, and submitted.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

VIII. DISCUSSION

Commissioners discussed public notification procedures for beach closures due to rainfall. Mr. Mooney explained that closures are posted on the Health Department website and communicated through a beach hotline and beach contacts. Commissioner Pageler suggested exploring additional public notification methods for automatic rainfall-related closures, and Mr. Mooney agreed to look into possible options.

Mr. Steadman noted that the status of a proposal to name the Veterans Park Marina in honor of Tony Moliya remained unknown.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

****MR. HILLER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****MR. PAGELER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 6, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.