



REGULAR MEETING – SHELLFISH COMMISSION AGENDA

**SEPTEMBER 10, 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: August 6, 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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 137 Rowayton Ave.

VIII. DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

A. October 1, 2026

**CITY OF NORWALK
NORWALK SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 6, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

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

STAFF: Bill Mooney, Assistant Director of Health.

OTHERS: Sgt. Justin Bisceglie; Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Emily Weckman (Weston & Sampson); Conrad Nuthmann (Weston & Sampson).

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: JULY 9, 2026

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

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lynnelle Jones, 10 Point Road, urged the Commission to request that the Planning and Zoning Commission defer action on the proposed Manresa special zoning district until independent environmental, traffic, land, and water studies are completed and available for public review. She expressed concerns regarding potential impacts to shellfish beds, harbor management, and the need for greater interagency coordination before any zoning decisions are made.

Diane Cece, Olmsted Place, requested that staff reports be provided in writing to improve transparency. She also expressed support for Ms. Lynnelle Jones' comments and urged the Commission to seek additional independent environmental studies related to the proposed Manresa development.

Mr. Bartush acknowledged the comments regarding transparency and noted that staff could consider expanding report summaries in the minutes. Commissioner Pageler added that recordings of Commission meetings are publicly available and include the verbal reports.

Miguel Frasconi, President of the Village Creek Homeowners Association, expressed concerns regarding the proposed Manresa development, citing the need for additional water quality testing near Village Creek's private beach. He urged that more time be taken to evaluate potential impacts to public health and the surrounding waters before the project proceeds.

V. REPORTS

A. TREASURER

Mr. Mooney reported the balance remains at \$31,997.

B. SECRETARY

There was no report.

C. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mooney reported that July received 8.13 inches of rainfall. He noted that all shellfish areas were closed twice due to rainfall exceeding 1.6 inches, and that Cooks Island and CCA were closed twice due to rainfall exceeding 1 inch. There were no bypasses reported and there was one combined sewer overflow on South Main.

D. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

There was no report.

E. WATER QUALITY

There was no report.

F. PERMITS

There was no report.

G. POLICE

On behalf of Sgt. Bisceglie, Mr. Bartush reported that the water temperature was 72°F.

H. ADVISORY

Mr. Steadman reported on recent developments related to the proposed Manresa project, including DEEP's comments on the proposed zoning amendment and ongoing discussions regarding environmental remediation. He reiterated concerns about the potential impacts of proposed moorings on surrounding shellfish beds and emphasized the Commission's role in reviewing matters affecting shellfish resources. He also shared historical maps and photographs of the site and encouraged continued coordination with the Harbor Management Commission and DEEP as the project advances.

I. HARBOR MANAGEMENT

There was no report.

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

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Johnson expressed concern that the Harbor Management Commission has not sought input from the Shellfish Commission regarding the proposed Manresa project. Mr. Steadman shared historical maps and photographs of Manresa Island and provided an update on ongoing environmental remediation efforts.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. HARBOR LOOP TRAIL

Ms. Weckman of Weston & Sampson, accompanied by Mr. Nuthmann, presented the proposed 20 Hendricks Avenue Boardwalk project on behalf of the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency. Ms. Weckman reviewed the project design, permitting status, proposed boardwalk improvements, and reported that no shellfish resources had been identified within or adjacent to the project area. Commissioners discussed the project's elevation, construction methods, and permitting process. Ms. Weckman and Mr. Nuthmann clarified the DEEP permit application process and confirmed that no waterward construction activities are proposed.

****MR. PAGELER MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED PROJECT TO PROCEED THROUGH THE PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS WITH NO OBJECTION, WHILE RESERVING THE RIGHT TO COMMENT, AT THE TIME OF THE TENTATIVE DETERMINATION TO APPROVE.**

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VIII. DISCUSSION

There was no further discussion.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

****MR. PAGELER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

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

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 3, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.