

**CITY OF NORWALK
NORWALK SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2025**

ATTENDANCE: Steve Bartush, Chairman; Pete Johnson; Nick Sacchinelli; Mark Hiller

STAFF: Bill Mooney, Assistant Director of Health

OTHERS: Alan Kibbe, Norwalk Harbor Management; John Pinto, Norwalk Harbor Management; Tom Ryder; Jim Bajek; Sgt. Justin Bisceglie

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bartush called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. There was a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

A roll call of those present was performed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: JUNE 5, 2025

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2025, AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MARK HILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation at this time.

REPORTS

TREASURER

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver his report. He reported there were no transactions during the month; the balance remains at \$29,292.00.

SECRETARY

Chairman Bartush came forward to deliver his report. He mentioned making a remark at last month's Norwalk Harbor Management Commission meeting concerning the lack of regulatory

oversight regarding the removal of oil tanks on Manresa Island. He has contacted Mr. Ray Frigon at DEEP to inquire about the regulatory process. A meeting is being arranged, potentially to include Chairman Kibbe, Dr. Pinto, and Mr. Steadman, to gain clarity. Mr. Bartush emphasized that the Commission supports progress but believes proper review by local experts is necessary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver his report. He advised that the rainfall for June was 2.22 inches. There have been two closures. There were no bypasses reported.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

There was no report at this time.

PERMITS

There was no report at this time.

POLICE

Sgt. Bisceglie came forward to deliver his report. He advised that there was not much to report on the shell fishing front.

ADVISORY

Sgt. Bisceglie reported that the water temperature is around 71 to 70.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kibbe came forward to deliver his report. He said that the transit moorings are really busy again this year. Boaters are coming into Norwalk and spending a good amount of time. He hasn't received a report yet on the resident moorings. Mr. Mangles is shepherding a project with the Eagle Scouts out on the islands to improve the sanitary conditions.

Mr. Pinto advised that some people have reported trash and possible fires being set on Simmons Island. Sgt. Bisceglie confirmed they haven't noticed and fires but they will increase their presence and frequent the island more.

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

26 SHOREFRONT PARK

Mr. Bajek came forward to discuss this matter. He reported they're waiting to receive a letter from The Boat Club so they may revise the plans. Then they will share with everyone and proceed with forwarding that to the state.

18 MARION AVENUE

Mr. Ryder welcomed any questions the Commission may have. Chairman Bartush advised that they will approve the application pending a visit, which he has already completed. He informed Mr. Ryder to check his email for the following steps.

66 CALF PASTURE BEACH ROAD

Chairman Bartush reported communication with the agent, Mr. Hiltz, has been tabled by the agent/applicant pending additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

SHELLFISH STATUS CALL LINE

Mr. Mooney presented a proposal from the Health Department IT staff to create a web page for shellfish status reports, currently communicated via a call-in line that received 474 calls last month. Commissioners discussed the possibility of offering both options to accommodate all users, especially among seniors.

Additional ideas were discussed, such as online clamming permit sales through the new system, mass text notifications for shellfish bed closures, and maintaining existing in-person payment options for those who prefer this method.

Aquaculture supports the web-based system and will be involved. Mr. Mooney will work with staff on initial development and present a draft to the Commission later this year.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. JOHNSON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MR. HILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Zulma Roundtree*

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