

**CITY OF NORWALK
NORWALK SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 6, 2025**

ATTENDANCE: Steve Bartush, Chairman; Jonathan Pageler; Nick Sacchinelli; Jordan Saxe

OTHER: Bill Mooney; Geoff Steadman; Glenn Perschino; Alan Kibbe, Norwalk Harbor Management; John Hiltz; Jim Bajek; Sgt. Justin Bisceglie; Clyde Mount

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bartush called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. There was a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

A roll call of those present was performed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 6, 2025

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2025 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MR. SAXE 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 said that the balance remained the same as the prior month. There have been no transactions.

SECRETARY

Chairman Bartush came forward to deliver his report. He said there wasn't much to report. Many of the members had attended the Manresa Island presentation the prior night. He reviewed what had happened at the presentation.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver his report. He provided an update on the rainfall. There have been two closures. There were two bypasses which he reviewed.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

There was no report at this time.

PERMITS

Mr. Mooney came forward to deliver his report. He said there was nothing to report at this time.

POLICE

Sgt. Bisceglie came forward to deliver his report. He said there was nothing to report at this time. A small workboat had sunk recently which he provided information on.

ADVISORY

There was no report at this time.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Kibbe came forward to deliver his report. He said that most of their work had been preparation for transit moorings as well as rental of harbor moorings. They are expecting similar numbers to last year. He provided updates on recent meetings as well. They also have received a new drone.

Mr. Steadman said there were a number of matters with common interest to both commissions. He brought up the grant for rebuilding the Veteran's Park Marina. They have also recently had discussions with commissions in New Haven. He provided more information regarding the meetings. He also brought up the Norwalk River Watershed Initiative and reviewed the history of it. Further discussion regarding the Initiative followed.

He also wished to bring up the response from DEEP in January regarding their letter expressing concern about the way the public hearing was operated on the Eversource project. He reviewed their concerns for those present such as the inadequacy of the presentation by Eversource during the public hearing. Further discussion followed.

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

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

46 SHOREHAVEN RD.

Mr. Hilts came forward to discuss this item. He said he had nothing more to add. Chairman Bartush has had a chance to visit the site since the last meeting.

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED TO MOVE FORWARDS WITH THE APPLICATION FOR 46 SHOREHAVEN ROAD WITH THE STANDARD LANGUAGE.**

**** MR. SAXE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

26 SHOREFRONT PARK

Mr. Hilts came forward to discuss this item. He reviewed the reason for the application. The Club still has an agreement with 132 Water Street for leasing slips at that property. He provided further information regarding the property. He said that the only issue was that the 9-foot set-back of the corner of the transient float should be 10 feet. There will not be a new document for this as they have not discussed this with the Harbor Management Commission yet.

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED TO MOVE FORWARDS WITH THE APPLICATION FOR 26 SHOREFRONT PARK WITH THE STANDARD LANGUAGE.**

**** MR. SAXE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

138 WATER STREET

Mr. Bajek came forward to discuss this item. Copies of the plan were distributed to the Commission Members. This is an ongoing application with DEEP. He reviewed the history of the application for those present. They are looking for non-dredging options. This application is for one of those options by extending an existing figure float 20 feet further. DEEP feels this is a good plan and has moved the application forward. A piece of the main float is also being removed and some of the float anchor piles are being moved as a result.

There have been talks with the neighboring clubs regarding concerns about them getting close to their docks. Mr. Bajek reviewed how those discussions had gone. Mr. Perschino also provided further information regarding the reasoning behind the decision and more information regarding the marina. He listed his concerns regarding the expansion. Further discussion followed.

Chairman Bartush said that this would be difficult to approve due to the substantial complaint from the neighbor. He felt it would be best to allow some time to pass and to allow the Harbor Commission to give their opinion first. It was decided to table this item till next month.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. PAGELER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** MR. SAXE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
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