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City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting January 2, 2020 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 7:08 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Steve Bartush, Pete Johnson, Tom Mattera, Nick Sacchinelli

Staff: Thomas Closter

Police:

Advisory:

Guests: Tony Mobilia, Joe Schnierlein, Deb Goldstein

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER COMMISSIONER PAT DEVITO

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Goldstein expressed concerns over the lack of communication regarding Eversource's plans for the transmission line relocation project.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

November and December Minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. Bartush, 2nd by Comm. Mattera. Unanimous Vote.

TREASURER

Commissioner Mattera reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		12/31/19	\$19,114.03	
DEPOSIT			\$	
INTEREST	December		\$	
EXPENSES	Frontier	12/1/19	\$	Phone
BALANCE		12/31/19		\$19,114.03
	Last Year	12/31/18		\$25,358.85
	Two Years Ago	12/31/17		\$23,145.95

SECRETARY

Chairman Johnson has no report.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports:

7.49 inches of rain in December. Average since 1987 is 3.81 inches of rain for December. There were 165 calls in December. There were five closures for Cooke's Ground for over 0.5 inch on December 2, 9, 14, 17 & 30, 2019. There were three closures in the CAA (1-

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1.49 inches) on December 9, 14 & 30, 2019 and two closures in the CAA1DN (over 1.5 inches) on December 9 & 14, 2019.

There were two reports of a bypass for December.

12-14-19 2,100,100 Gallons 60 South Smith St Storm Flow Procedures 2.68 inches of rain

12-14-19 4,500 Gallons 42 Bouton St Grease Blockage Removed Grease

WASTEWATER

No Report.

WATER QUALITY

Chairman Schnierlein gave an update on Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). He explained what the State of CT is doing to address PFAS and the Governor's Task Force draft report. Joe discussed filters, testing and how Europe has banned PFAS. He talked with DEEP and they will not be sampling for PFAS and no studies have been done for salt water.

The Committee also talked about the Norwalk River Watershed Initiative and met with representatives from the watershed towns on December 5, 2019 @ 3:00pm at Wilton Town Hall. Items discussed were DEEP funding, projects in Wilton for Schools and dams and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2020 at Wilton Town Hall @ 3:00pm.

Chairman Schnierlein said there has been no communication with Eversource and their plans for the transmission line relocation project. Committee members are still very concerned about the path and method.

PERMITS

Commissioner Mattera gave an update regarding the permits:

Type	Number	Fee	Amount
Norwalk Resident	94	\$15.00	\$1410.00
Fisherman's World	94	\$ 2.00	(\$188.00)
Norwalk Senior	49	\$ 7.00	\$ 343.00
Fisherman's World	49	\$ 2.00	(\$98.00)
Non-Resident	50	\$32.00	\$1600.00
Fisherman's World	50	\$ 2.00	(\$100.00)
		Sub Total	\$3,353.00
			(\$386.00)
		Total	\$2,967.00 10-21-19

Type	Number	Fee	Amount
Norwalk Resident	64	\$15.00	\$ 960.00
Fisherman's World	64	\$ 2.00	(\$128.00)
Norwalk Senior	51	\$ 7.00	\$ 357.00
Fisherman's World	51	\$ 2.00	(\$102.00)
Non-Resident	46	\$32.00	\$1472.00
Fisherman's World	46	\$ 2.00	(\$ 92.00)
Junior	9	\$ 1.00	\$ 9.00
Fisherman's World	9	\$ 1.00	(\$9.00)

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Sub Total \$2,798.00
(\$331.00)
Total \$2,467.00 12-31-19
Total \$5,434.00

After discussion, Commissioner Bartush recommended permit fee increases for 2020, second by Commissioner Mattera. Unanimous Vote.

The increases are as follows:

Norwalk Resident from \$15 to \$17

Norwalk Senior from \$7 to \$9

Non-Resident from \$32 to \$39

Junior from \$1 to \$2

Commercial seed oyster permit – from \$200 per boat and \$1 per bag to \$250 per boat and \$2 per bag

Commercial clamming permit – from \$100 per month per boat to \$800 per year

Recreational permit – from a limit of a half bushel to a five gallon pale max per day for all species in aggregate

POLICE

No Report

ADVISORY

No Report

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

No Report

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

OLD BUSINESS

There will be a meeting in Hartford with Consultant Tom Hart to present data regarding the turbidity monitoring.

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7-9 Nykled Terrace & 69 Bluff Ave – Commission reviewed applications, more information needed

NEW BUSINESS

The 16th Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions will be on January 11, 2020 at Jones Auditorium at 123 Huntington St, New Haven, CT

Commission will review COP pre application for 135 Rowayton Ave

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commission went into Executive Session at 8:12pm to discuss a Personnel Issue. Executive Session closed at 8:14pm.

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 6, 2020 @7:00pm at the Norwalk Health Department.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Bartush, second by Commissioner Sacchinelli, Vote Unanimous 8:16 PM

Minutes by Thomas Closter