

**CITY OF NORWALK
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference

ATTENDANCE: Steve Bartush, Acting Chair; Joe Madaffari, Nick Sacchinelli

OTHERS: William Mooney, Health Department; Joseph Schnierlein, Water Quality Chair; John Romano, Harbor Management Commission Chair; Geoffrey Steadman, Harbor Commission Consultant; John Hiltz, Tom Ryder

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bartush called the meeting at 7:16 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• September 2, 2021

**** MR. MADAFFARI MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 MINUTES.**

**** MR. SACCHINELLI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public who wished to address the Commission at this time.

Treasurer's Report – No report. Mr. Bartush said that there would be a full report later this month.

Secretary's Report – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) **Health Department** - Mr. Mooney reported that there was 9.3 inches of rain, 2 closures due to the amount of rainfall and 1 bypass event.

B) **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – No report.

C) **Water Quality** – Mr. Bartush said that the WPCA will not be attending the Shellfish Committee. They have invited the public to attend their meetings. Mr. Romano mentioned in the past, Mr. John Acton had attended the meetings. He suggested that perhaps a member of the WPCA Commission could attend the meetings.

D) **Permits** – No report.

E) **Police** – No report.

F) **Advisory** – No report.

G) **Harbor Management** – Mr. Romano said that the joint meeting the previous evening had been very beneficial. Dr. Pinto and Mr. Steadman gave an excellent presentation. Mr. Steadman said that they had made the point that the two Commissions were more than just stake holders since there are city authorities that are affected by their decisions.

Mr. Steadman said that Eversource had given DPW a revised plan. The new plan avoids the visitors dock and he noted that the plan still needs to be approved by the Siting Council.

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

**** MR. MADAFFARI SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Schnierlein announced the current water temperature.

- **Walk Bridge – DOT** – No report.
- **Eversource** – No report.
- **Fees** – No report.
- **5 Decker Street pier/ramp/dock COP** – No discussion.
- **26 Shorefront Park** – No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. John Hilts came forward to present some changes on the previous application. He said that the dock had been located close to one riparian property line but not the other. By changing the angle of the dock slightly, it will now be centered. Mr. Hilts displayed a schematic drawing of the dock relocation. There is also a potential boat lift included in the plans if time and finances allow.

Mr. Steadman said that this appears to respond to the Harbor Commission's concern about the dock encroaching on the riparian property line. Mr. Bartush said that they would make a site visit and make their recommendations to the Harbor Commission.

• 80 Seaview Avenue

Mr. Ryder of Landtech, came forward and greeted the Commission. He described the project, which included adding rip rap, repairing the sea wall and adding public access on the parcel where Overton's is located.

Mr. Bartush said that the Harbor Commission had concerns about encroachment of the boats into public access. Mr. Ryder said that they had removed one of the boat moorings and corrected the location of the extending riparian line.

Mr. Steadman said that Mr. Ryder had addressed one of the issues, but there was still encroachment on First Street. He added that there was still an issue of encroachment on the Federal Navigation Channel and an extended right of way. Mr. Steadman displayed a historic map of the East Basin area where the Federal Navigation Channel. He said that the Federal Navigation Channel should be marked on the map that was going to be submitted to the Harbor Commission. Mr. Ryder said that he had done this and also contacted DEEP about this.

Mr. Hilts said that he had prepared the original application from Overton's in the 1990's and had emailed that application to the Commission members. Discussion followed.

Mr. Ryder said that he would send copies of the GIS map along with the updated plans to the Commissioners.

Mr. Bartush said that they would do a site visit and prepare comments for the Harbor Commission.

Mr. Bartush said that Mr. Steadman had worked on locating a 19th Century Shellfish map. He thanked Mr. Steadman for his efforts.

Next Meeting –November 4, 2021 @ 7:15pm (Zoom)

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. SACCHINELLI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. MADAFFARI SECONDED**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes

Telesco Secretarial Services