

**CITY OF NORWALK
SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference

ATTENDANCE: Pete Johnson, Chair; Steve Bartush

OTHERS: William Mooney, Health Department; Joseph Schnierlein, Water Quality Chair; Tim Pramer, John Romano, Harbor Commission Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bartush called the meeting at 7:16 p.m. A quorum was not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• October 7, 2021

There was no quorum present to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – No report.

Secretary's Report – No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Health Department – Mr. Mooney reported that the Rainfall for the month was 5.45, last year was 6.38. There were two closures one on October 26th and the second on the 30th due to rainfall. There was one by pass event on October 26th.

Mr. Schnierlein questioned the amount of rainfall. Mr. Mooney said that he would recheck the recordings.

B) Wastewater Treatment Plant – No report.

C) Water Quality -- Mr. Schnierlein said that Mr. Bartley had passed away and there was now an opening on the Committee.

Recommendations have been sent to the City Departments, other Commissions and the Council Members before the elections.

D) Permits – No report.

E) Police – The following report was submitted for inclusion in the minutes.

There were NO Arrests for Oct. No verbal Warnings. No Commercial complaints or violations were observed or reported. *(Officer Silva has been temporarily assigned from the Marine Division to Community Policing due to Staffing shortages. I hope to have him back in the Spring. So, throughout the Fall/Winter I will be working solo.) Sgt. LaPak

F) Advisory -- Mr. Schnierlein said that the water temperature was down to 57 today. The beginning of the day it was 62. The surface temperature was at 62 and dropped to 52.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Lauricella thanked the Commission and said that she was speaking as a citizen. She said that she had emailed two questions to the Commission. She wished to understand the status of the Wilson Point inquiry that another citizen had made. She said that the Bureau of Aquaculture was in charge of sampling the water. She also wanted to know if additional samples had been taken.

Ms. Lauricella said that she had not been able to find the PowerPoint presentation Ms. Jones made and said that it was part of the record. She noted that there was a record of what the Wilson Point representative and others had said, but no transcription of Ms. Jones' remarks.

Mr. Mooney said that he would check on the PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Bartush said that there had been some testing done and there would be more testing done. Aquaculture is aware of the issue and is currently on stand-by.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Cont'd.

G) Harbor Management –

Mr. Romano said that Eversource has filed an application but the Harbor Management has not received any information. Mr. Steadman said that according to Mr. Steadman, the Siting Council are considering the information. Discussion followed about making the Council Members and other Departments aware that Norwalk is a working harbor and needs to maintain the marinas.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Walk Bridge – DOT – No report.**
- **Eversource – No report.**
- **80-84 Seaview Ave.**
- **11 Tonetta Circle**

Mr. Bartush said that they have done the site inspections for Seaview Avenue and Tonetta Circle. He said for the record that the 11 Tonetta would have the standard language, which will be entered next month.

For Seaview, the recommendation should be in line with the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission. The project has not been fully described in the application. Mr. Bartush questioned the legitimacy of the northern encroachment of the project on a private neighbor and the southern encroachment on the City right of way. He added that there was a potential western encroachment into the Federal anchorage by boats entering the facility.

Due to the fact that there was not a quorum at the meeting, the two items cannot be voted on at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

C.A.M. 19 South Beach Drive

Mr. Bartush recognized Captain Pramer. Captain Pramer said that they did not get a heavy set of oysters and that this was the first day the beds were opened. Harvesting has started outside and hopefully will start inside soon.

Next Meeting –December 2, 2021 @ 7:15pm (Zoom)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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