

**CITY OF NORWALK  
SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 7, 2022**

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference

**ATTENDANCE:** Steve Bartush, Chair; Jonathan Pageler

**OTHERS:** William Mooney, Health Department; Joe Schnierlein, Water Quality Chair  
Pete Johnson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Bartush called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. A quorum was not present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**• June 2, 2022**

Due to the fact that there was no quorum present, the minutes were not discussed at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to comment at this time.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no report to present at this time. Mr. Bartush suggested that they should go to Fisherman's World and check on the permit receipts. Mr. Johnson said that there was a new bait and tackle shop opened on Winfield Street.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A) Health Department** – For the month of June there was 4.26 inches of rain. Last year, there was 2.43 inches of rain. Historically it is 4.14. There were 2 closures on June 2nd and June 9th due to rainfall. There was 1 bypass event on June 15th on Strawberry Hill Road due to a broken sewer line.

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

**C) Water Quality** – Mr. Schnierlein said that there were several concerns discussed at the most recent meeting. Both Mr. Harris and Mr. Mooney had commented about the high bacterial readings at Wilson Point that appears to be more of a function of the tide. The only real concern is the drainage pipes emptying into Wilson Cove from Old Trolley. He added that Ms. Lauricella said she would like to have a more active role in education for the community. Mr. Schnierlein said that there had been some USGS equipment that had been fouling by the Maritime Aquarium and Mr. Crespo was concerned about recalibration when the equipment fouls.

Mr. Schnierlein said that the City had passed an ordinance that no longer allows the use of inorganic pesticides on public property, but pointed out that DDT is organic, as are a number of other pesticides that might be less than desirable.

Mr. Bartush asked if anyone had Dissolved Oxygen units. Mr. Schnierlein said that he thought the Maritime Aquarium had a number of those units. A brief discussion followed regarding who they should contact in the Aquarium administration about this.

**D) Permits** – Previously discussed.

**E) Police** – Mr. Mooney said that Pete had told him that there were no arrests for the month of May. Activities in the permitted areas has been light.

**F) Advisory** – Mr. Johnson said that the water temperatures were above 70 degrees. Mr. Praeger asked how they take the water temperature. Mr. Johnson said that he was in Copps Bay and took the temp off the depth finder.

Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Bloom was laying down oyster shell for the oyster larvae.

The discussion then moved to the effect of the weather on the water temperatures

**G) Harbor Management** – No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Walk Bridge** - DOT– No report.

**Eversource** – No report.

**35 Rowayton Ave.** – No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a brief discussion about scheduling a get together in August.

- **Next Meeting – August 4, 2022 @ 7:15pm (Zoom)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bartush adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
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