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City of Norwalk
Shellfish Commission Special Meeting
July 8, 2010

CALL TO ORDER 7:04 PM**ATTENDANCE**

Commission: Jack Casagrande, Pete Johnson, Patrick DeVito, Michael Harden
 Staff: Tom Closter
 Police: Sgt Pete LaPak
 Advisory: Mark Errico
 Guests: Chap Tomanek, Al Drewes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chap Tomanek asked questions about the closures of the recreational shellfish beds and wanted to know why the beds are closed more frequently now than in the past

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

June minutes approved with no corrections by Comm. Harden, 2nd by Comm. DeVito

TREASURER

Comm. DeVito reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		5/31/2010	\$4,939.76	
DEPOSIT	Bell's Shellfish Fisherman's World	6/8/2010	\$100.00	
		6/11/2010	\$2,873.00	
		Total	\$2,973.00	
INTEREST		June	\$8.00	
EXPENSES				
	AT & T Phone		(\$311.44)	
BALANCE		6/30/2010	\$7,609.32	
	last year	6/30/2009	\$12,062.71	
	Two years ago	6/30/2008	\$7,966.26	

SECRETARY

Commissioner Johnson reports: Application received from Sandra S. Levy of 16 Hawkins Avenue to construct a fence. Project does not affect any shellfish beds. No objections from Shellfish Commission. A second application received from M. Ridgway Barker of 55 Rowayton Avenue to construct a dock, ramp and float does not impact any shellfish grounds. No objections from Shellfish Commission. Also, a notice of tentative determination was received from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the property at 15 Seabreeze Place, owned by Richard Scalise, to retain a seawall and install a dock. Chair will review notice and comment at next meeting.

COMMITTEES

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HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports: 2.69 inches of rain in June vs. 8.71 last year and average since 1987 of 3.60 inches. There were 2112 calls in June.

There were closures in the CAA area for over .5 inch of rain on June 9 & 22, 2010.

There were two reports of bypass at the Treatment Plant on 6-17-10 and 6-25-10.

WASTEWATER

Comm. Bates absent, no report. Commissioner Harden will look at Water Pollution Control Authority schedule to see if he can make the meetings.

WATER QUALITY

Tom Closter reports there was no meeting but shared information from Dick Harris regarding the storm drain medallion program and how students have volunteered to place medallions on several city streets.

PERMITS

Mr. Casagrande reports: Commissioner Harden has requested that permits be available for sale in Westport at Westport Outfitters. Also, concern over residents who have purchased permits and have been unable to clam at Calf Pasture beach as a result of the closures. Commissioner Johnson discussed situation with Aquaculture about the drain pipe near Calf Pasture Beach with high bacteria counts from an increase in the geese population. Possibility exists of opening Shady Beach for clamming a little farther away.

POLICE

Sgt LaPak reports: 18 hours of patrol for June, one verbal warning. Shellfish boat has been revamped and is running well.

ADVISORY

Capt. Hopp absent but reports water temperature is 70 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Harbormaster Griffin absent, no report.

Motion to accept committee reports by Patrick DeVito, second by Michael Harden.

OLD BUSINESS

CL & P remediation plan...work in progress. Proposed trial remediation plan has been approved by DEP

WPCA March spill....No further response from DEP

Gardella Barge aground....Has been turned over to Kevin Zawoy (DEP) for enforcement

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

NEXT MEETING: Thursday August 5, 2010

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Comm. Harden, unanimous 8:12 PM