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**City of Norwalk
Shellfish Commission Meeting
May 17th, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER 7:06 PM**ATTENDANCE**

Commission: Jack Casagrande, Pete Johnson, Doug Bates, Patrick DeVito, Michael Harden

Staff: Tom Closter

Police: Officer John Taranto

Advisory: Harbormaster Mike Griffin, Capt. Dave Hopp, Mark Errico

Guest: Doug Stabell, Tim Pramer

PUBLIC COMMENT

New Commissioners Patrick DeVito and Michael Harden were introduced

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

April minutes approved without correction by Comm. Bates, 2nd by Comm. Casagrande

TREASURER

Comm. Johnson reports:

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE	3/31/2010	\$12,913.39	
DEPOSIT	April	\$0.00	
INTEREST	April	\$15.00	
EXPENSES			
Norwest Marine		(\$2,846.58)	Equipment
Police OT	4/5/2010	(\$126.19)	
Police OT	4/12/2010	(\$252.38)	
Police OT	4/19/2010	(\$610.58)	
		(3,835.73)	
BALANCE	4/30/2010	\$9,092.66	
last year	4/30/2009	\$15,077.14	
two years ago	4/30/2008	\$6,855.48	

SECRETARY

Comm. Johnson passed out laws, duties and management plan to all members of the Norwalk Shellfish Commission.

DEP permits previously reviewed have been issued to 57 Rowayton Ave, 90 Water St, 100 Water St, and 100 Seaview Ave.

Application made to reopen town relay areas for recreational shellfishing to Bureau of Aquaculture.

Letter read from former Commissioner Dr. Frank Serena on his resignation and thanking

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commission for great memories over his time on commission.

Brief discussion regarding duties of vacant treasurer position.

Motion by Michael Harden, second by Jack Casagrande for Patrick DeVito to become new treasurer. Unanimous vote.

Motion by Michael Harden, second by Doug Bates to make John Frank Advisor to Commission. Unanimous vote.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports: 1.91 inches of rain in April vs. 3.47 last year and average since 1987 of 4.31 inches. There were 592 calls in April.

There was a closure in the CAA area for over 1.5 inches of rain on April 25 & 26, 2010.

There were no reports of bypass. Brief discussion of meeting with Bureau of Aquaculture and Kristin Frank regarding Norwalk survey and draft of Memorandum of Understanding

WASTEWATER

Comm. Bates has no report.

WATER QUALITY

Harbormaster reports there was no meeting. Mr. Griffin asks, on behalf of water quality committee, for support in the amount of \$3,000 for summer intern program.

Motion made by Michael Harden, second by Patrick DeVito. Unanimous vote.

PERMITS

Mr. Casagrande reports: permits moving very slowly.

POLICE

Officer Taranto reports: 0 hrs patrol, no arrests.

ADVISORY

Capt. Hopp reports water temperature is 56 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Harbormaster Griffin reports: DEP Certificate of Permission for Norwalk Yacht Club to install moorings, can't be put on shellfish beds without the permission of the owner or lessee. Reviewed CAM application on Cedar Hammocks Island for a new structure including living space, deck and terrace. No objections by Shellfish Commission. Also reviewed CL & P underwater cable repair project that requires relocation of lobster pots in project area. No objections by Shellfish Commission. State Harbor Management will hold workshop on equipment the third week of June.

Motion to accept committee reports by Michael Harden, second by Jack Casagrande.

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, chair will check

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

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING: **Thursday** June 10, 2010, moved back one week from June 3, 2010

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Comm. Bates, 2nd by Comm. Casagrande, unanimous **8:40 PM**

Minutes by Thomas Closter

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