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City of Norwalk
Shellfish Commission Meeting
Dec. 3rd, 2009

CALL TO ORDER 7:15 PM**ATTENDANCE**

Commission: Jack Casagrande, Doug Bates, Pete Johnson, John Frank
 Staff: Tom Closter
 Police: Sgt Pete LaPak
 Advisory, Harbormaster Mike Griffin, Capt. Dave Hopp
 Guest: Tim Pramer, Norm Bloom, Mark Errico

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

November minutes approved without correction by Comm. Bates, 2nd by Comm. Johnson

TREASURER

Comm. Johnson reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		10/31/2009	\$19,272.04	
DEPOSIT	interest	November	\$25.00	
	Pramer Oyster	11/30/2009	\$100.00	permits
	Pramer Oyster	11/30/2009	\$92.00	product
EXPENSE	Mike Griffin	charts	(\$68.00)	reimburse
BALANCE		11/30/2009	\$19,421.04	
	last year	11/30/2008	\$14,567.80	
	two years ago	11/30/2009	\$8,936.77	

SECRETARY

Comm. Frank reports:

Annual gathering of shellfish commissions on Jan 9th, 2010 at Sound School in New Haven is asking for reservations. Commissioners Johnson, Bates, Casagrande, and Harbormaster Mike Griffin will attend. Chair will send in reservations.

Woodward dock application is still pending. DEP has offered 4-40 permit with no response from applicant. Chair has commented on that offer as failing to meet the needs of applicant or commission. .

Application of Baisley on Pine Point Rd for dock in Farm creek, similar to others permitted there, has been reviewed and commented with no objections.

Application of Bait Shop for minor reconfiguration of existing dock in Five Mile River has been reviewed and commented with no objections.

COMMITTEES**HEALTH DEPT**

Mr. Closter reports: 2.13 inches of rain in November vs. 3.42 last year and average since

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1987 of 3.60 inches. There were 228 calls in November.

There was a closure in the CAA area for over 1/2 inch of rain on November 20th with no re-opening notice from aquaculture yet.

There were no by-passes reported in November..

WASTEWATER

Comm. Bates reports: No report. He did not get to the WPCA meeting,.

WATER QUALITY

A significant source of problems in the Silvermine River was identified by Dick Harris and confirmed by the health dept. An older house with a new septic system found to have a sanitary sewer pipe serving part of the house going direct to the river.

Chair reports. Committee did not meet in November, meeting scheduled for next week.

PERMITS

Mr. Casagrande reports: Closed out Fisherman's world with check for \$440, turned over to treasurer at this meeting, for 10 sr, 11 resident, 12 non-resident, & 18 jr.

Closed out Hiller Bros with check for \$933, but report is incomplete, he will recontact.

Fisherman's world will contribute toward cost of Tide charts.

Flag at beach still not right. Discussion revealed new clips needed. Sgt Lapak will get clips and bring us the bill.

New permits, new tide charts, will be in dealer's outlets by mid December.

POLICE

Sgt LaPak reports: 18 hrs patrol, one warning, no arrests. Some clamming still observed. Shellfish Commission boat now back at Marine police dock. Will soon be only boat in the water for Marine Police. Discussion of currently usable police boats and possible future re-assignment of Shellfish Commission boat to harbormaster followed. Shellfish Patrol lettering will be restored, asap. Considerable concern was expressed by all present over possibility of further reduction in marine patrol service, driven by budget concerns. Consensus is: Year round service is vital in harbor where so much activity continues throughout the year.

ADVISORY

Capt. Hopp reports water temperature is 50 degrees.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Harbormaster Griffin reports: Mooring rates are being changed to a constant \$3/ft fee rather than present three tiered fee system which averages about \$2.50/ft. Public hearing scheduled for Monday night, presentation to Council on Tuesday.

Feb 4th there will be a meeting of dredging stakeholders at the sound school in new haven, sponsored by the long island sound assembly.

OLD BUSINESS

CL & P remediation plan...work in progress. CL&P scientist, Susan Provost, and Chris Swan were taken out on an Oyster Boat to see for themselves what we are so dedicated to protecting, courtesy of Norman and Jimmy Bloom. Chair believes they now have better understanding of our issues with remediation.

WPCA March spill....No further response from DEP, chair will check

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

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Transplant, Discussion about abundance of oysters in Betts bay hindering recreational clamming has strong opinions for and against moving oysters. Issue not resolved, will be discussed further by commercial cultivators and brought back to future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY Feb 11th , Mr. Closter will notify City Clerk's office

ADJOURNMENT

8:50 PM

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