

**City of Norwalk  
Shellfish Commission Meeting  
August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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**CALL TO ORDER 7:10 PM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Commission: Jack Casagrande, Pete Johnson, John Frank  
Staff: Tom Closter  
Police: Sgt. Peter LaPak  
Advisory, Harbormaster Mike Griffin, Dave Hopp  
Guest: Doug Stabell, Tim Pramer, Harold Cobin (Yourct.com)

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

March minutes approved with one correction by Mr. Casagrande, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Johnson  
Add Dave Hopp as present last meeting

**TREASURER**

Comm. Johnson reports: (two months activity shown)

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
<b>BALANCE</b>		5/31/2008	<b>\$12,062.71</b>	
<b>DEPOSIT</b>	interest	June	<b>\$17.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSE</b>	Police OT	6/15/2009	<b>(\$152.41)</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>		6/30/2009	<b>\$11,927.30</b>	
	last year	6/30/2008	<b>\$7,966.26</b>	
	two years ago	6/30/2007	<b>\$22,254.14</b>	
	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
<b>BALANCE</b>		6/30/2009	<b>\$11,927.30</b>	
<b>DEPOSIT</b>	interest (additional)	June	<b>\$53.00</b>	
	Stabell Oyster Co	7/10/2009	<b>\$120.00</b>	product
	Pramer Oyster Co	7/10/2009	<b>\$224.50</b>	product
<b>EXPENSE</b>	Police OT	7/29/2009	<b>(\$905.72)</b>	
	AT&AT-phone		<b>(\$140.49)</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>		7/31/2009	<b>\$11,278.59</b>	
	last year	7/31/2008	<b>\$7,986.26</b>	
	two years ago	7/31/2007	<b>\$22,215.21</b>	

Bills received were turned over to treasurer, one, from Norwest Marine, was given to Sgt Lapak for review before being processed, others were OK'd and will be paid and reported at next meeting.

**SECRETARY**

Comm. Frank reports

National Marine Fisheries has invited Commission to Open House at their Laboratory in Milford, 212 Rogers Ave, adjacent to State aquaculture lab, on Saturday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. They ask for response by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners are asked to notify Chair at next meeting if they will be attending.

After discussion at last meeting, Chair sent written comments on both Tomas and Woodward dock applications at Tonetta circle asking for shorter fixed piers, 25 ft or less, with docks at proposed locations (84.5 ft and 88.16 ft out off applicant's property) and everything, including pilings, removed seasonally.

Ava Roosevelt application at 14 Nathan Hale Rd, Wilson point, has been received as new application under LEAN process rules for pre-application consultation form and chair has responded with comment affirming opposition to any design that encroaches on lease/franchise bed #201. Agent, Roberge Associates, has responded with revised plan that still encroaches a bit and is working on locating exact boundary of bed #201, with assistance from owner, Norm Bloom.

Beach Nourishment project for Deborah Dawson on Shorehaven Rd. required by DEP as part of breakwater repair application by same DEP agent who refused to consider using sand from upland location for capping material is still pending over our strong objection. There has been extensive damage to leased beds owned by Tim Pramer and Norm Bloom. A survey has been done and shared with the commission. It is clear that damage also include Town natural bed North of Pramer's. There was discussion about a possible lawsuit by Pramer and Bloom and the possibility, and advisability, of the commission taking part. Chair has consulted corporation counsel's office for guidance. That was in early June, still waiting for response. Chair will ask again.

**COMMITTEES**

**HEALTH DEPT**

Mr. Closter reports:

8.71 inches of rain in June vs. 3.37 last year and average since 1987 of 3.60 inches.

4.28 inches of rain in July vs. 2.43 last year and average since 1987 of 3.15 inches

There were 1051 calls in June. There was a closure in the CAA area for over 1/2 inch of rain on June 4<sup>th</sup> with partial re-opening and everything closed June 18<sup>th</sup> for 3.82 inches with re-opening staggered in different locations as water quality dictated.

There were four by-pass reports over two months:

6/18/2009	Ann St	2hrs	Very Heavy Rain
6-18-2009	Bouton St	Unk.	Very Heavy Rain
6-23-2009	105 Bouton St	½ hr	Blockage cleared (raining)
7-31-2009	49 Pettom Rd	½ hr	Blockage cleared (raining)

**WASTEWATER**

No report.

**WATER QUALITY**

Mike Griffin reports: No meeting, no report

**PERMITS**

Mr. Casagrande reports:

Fishermen's world has submitted two checks. Turned over to Treasurer at this meeting.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 116 resident 95 non-resident, 72 Sr . \$3751

August 5<sup>th</sup> 120 residents 122 non-resident, 25 Sr., 25Jr. \$4325

Invoice for laminate sleeves for permits turned over to treasurer for \$300.

Mike Griffin has two samples of new charts, identical except for color of closed areas; chart showing red for closed areas was selected. Mike will get 3 bids on printing and order 3000 charts from low bidder. Kristen Frank has asked if signs have been posted, as shown on chart. We thought they were supplying signs. Chair will contact Kristen.

**POLICE**

Sgt LaPak reports heavy clamming activity. Several people have been warned for not having permit on person when clamming. (left in car, etc.) Will issue summonses for failure to carry, having been very lenient. Barge working on O'Connor Dock, at Wilson point, very close to bed 201, spudded down on 201 and probably did some damage.

**ADVISORY**

Capt. Hopp reports water temperature is 71 degrees, several feet below surface. Transplant procedure for commercial cultivators giving 10% to Commission was discussed. Chair believes aquaculture wants permits. Comm. Johnson feels, permits or not, such transplants should be supervised(verified) by marine police. Chair will check with Kristen at Aquaculture.

**HARBOR MANAGEMENT**

Harbormaster Griffin reports amended Harbor Management Plan, approved by DEP, was adopted by Council last week. Changes are very supportive of SF Commission.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Casagrande to accept committee reports.

**OLD BUSINESS**

CL & P remediation plan....no further info, chair will contact

WPCA March spill....No report, chair will contact Mr. D'Andrea

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

Transplant, this month.....Norm Bloom did not get to transplant, but will within next week or so from open area so closure will not be required. Chair will confirm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dr Serena has proffered a resignation, for health reasons, verbally, through Comm Casagrande. After brief discussion, action was tabled without accepting resignation.

**NEXT MEETING**

THURSDAY Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:49 PM