

City of Norwalk Shellfish Commission Meeting April 9th, 2009

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CALL TO ORDER 7:12 PM

ATTENDANCE

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

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Under Police, line 2, change TUB to TUG Under Harbor Management , line 2, change 120,00 to 195,042, including required 124,525, overdredge allowable 70,517. Line 6 change creation of a document to review. Under New Business line 1, change date from 11th to 18th.
 March minutes approved with corrections by Mr. Casagrande, 2nd by Pete Johnson

TREASURER

Comm. Johnson reports:

	NAME	DATE	AMOUNT	REASON
BALANCE		2-28-09	\$15,052.14	
INTEREST	Interest	March	\$25.00	
DEPOSIT	NONE			
EXPENSE	NONE			
BALANCE		3-31-09	\$15,077.14	
BALANCE	a year ago	3-31-08	\$6,855.48	
BALANCE	two years ago	3-31-07	\$24,2358.72	

Mr. Pramer paid for four months clam permits at meeting, chair will print and deliver.

SECRETARY

Comm. Frank reports

4/40 dock application for Evans at 69 Roton Ave for 7 X 14 floating dock and 3 X 20 ramp, with bench to support dock off the bottom. No major effect on shellfish resources. No action required by SF commission.

Rowayton Yacht Club, permit to reconfigure and extend existing docks, reviewed earlier has been issued.

Shore and country club has applied for COP to restore groins at each end of dredged marina No action required.

Ischoda Yacht Club has applied for COP to rebuild fire-damaged clubhouse. No action required.

Application of Richard & Bonnie Dudley of 45 Rowayton Ave to reconfigure and extend an existing dock in Five Mile River has gone to public notice. No action required

New Boardwalk behind 142-144 East Ave has gone to public notice, no action required

Discussion of proposed changes in chart given out with permits followed with concerns that SF Comm. was losing recreational area. Chair was directed to communicate with Aquaculture and ensure no area is lost, if possible. Printing new charts will be delayed until this issue is settled. Language on back of charts was reviewed and upgraded.

Lab at Norm Blooms should be certified soon and should be able to do shellfish meats.

Norm Bloom indicates they will do clam transplant for the commission in May, plan to transplant from open area, so no closure will be required. He will take care of permit. Will see if bed in deep water behind Chimon will work.

COMMITTEES

HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports:

2.06 inches of rain in March vs. 4.59 last year and average since 1987 of 4.09 inches.

There were 196 calls in March. There was a closure in the CAA area for over 1/2 inch of rain on 3/29 through 4/1

There were three notices of by-pass reported.

Date	Amount	Location	Time	Results
3/14	N/A	Treatment Plant	75 Min	Solids/ River
3/23	400 gals	12 Bouton St	45 Min	Debris in line/to river
3/31	50 gals	34 Park St	15 Min	Grease blocked Line

By pass report form for loss of solids from secondary clarifier at Treatment plant shows loss of solids that had been disinfected and dechlorinated, about 25% of clarifier tank, was discovered about 3PM by operator during routine inspection and loss took 75 minutes to stop. Lone operator goes on duty at 3PM, It is not indicated when the last inspection of that tank, that did not note loss, occurred, or how often tanks are checked.. Chair directed to write to chairman of WPCA. Report form marked "Note-no bypass occurred". Stopping loss required adjusting gate valves to distribute flow more evenly between four tanks and adding polymer to help settle solids.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Comm. Johnson reports odor problem persists, worse in early morning hours.

Chair reports hatchery has suffered substantial loss. Will test for toxins in sewer discharge. Date of kill unknown, but believed to be around middle of month, may coincide with "no bypass occurred loss of treated solids". Chair will check.

WATER QUALITY

No report

PERMITS

Mr. Casagrande reports permits are all distributed to outlets, no report at this time of any sales. Outlets have been notified charts are being changed and permit buyers should be told to come back for new charts.

POLICE

Sgt. LaPak reports for March 11 hrs patrol, no arrests.
Damage to beds off Wilson Cove, Pramer's, has been reported survey by police shows extensive trenching, probably caused by large tug mentioned in last month minutes, working in Wilson Cove and moving around at low tide.

ADVISORY

Mr. Errico states water temperature is 42 degrees

HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Harbormaster Griffin reports CHMA dinner meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 24th suggests that shellfish commissions could/should be members of CHMA.
Asked for continued \$3000 funding for water quality interns. Brief discussion resulted in sense of the commission that funding will continue, but Comm. Johnson asks the new chair of the water quality Comm. to attend our next meeting and make the request.

Motion by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Casagrande to accept committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Comm. Johnson asks about remediation promised by NU when the cable was installed and asks if they are going to forfeit the performance bond. They have not yet submitted a remediation plan. Chair will inquire.

NEW BUSINESS

Harbormaster, Mike Griffin, will not be available for May 7th, asks if we can reschedule.
Mr. Casagrande moves next meeting change to Monday May 4th, 2nd by Mr. Johnson,

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY May 4th, 2008

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 9:05PM by Comm. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Casagrande