

**SHELLFISH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

City of Norwalk  
Shellfish Commission Meeting  
May 8th, 2008

CALL TO ORDER 7:10 PM

ATTENDANCE

Commission: Jack Casagrande, Pete Johnson, and Dr. Serena  
Staff: Tom Closter  
Police: Sgt LaPak  
Advisory: Capt. Dave Hopp, Harbormaster Mike Griffin  
Guest: Tim Pramer, Kristin Frank, Doug Stabell

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

April minutes approved with one correction by Dr. Serena, 2nd by Pete Johnson  
Under Committees, Health Dept report change February to March for calls received

TREASURER

Treasurer report was not ready for Comm. Johnson

NAME DATE AMOUNT REASON

BALANCE

INTEREST Interest March

DEPOSIT

EXPENSE

BALANCE 4-30-08

BALANCE a year ago 4-30-07

BALANCE two years ago 4-30-06

SECRETARY

Chairman report May 2008

Kristin Frank, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture talked about new policies for reopening after conditionally approved area closures in order to meet National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance requirements. Conditionally approved areas shall be closed a minimum of seven days commencing from the end of a rainfall or sewage discharge. Water samples shall be collected in the conditionally approved area 4-5 days after sewage or rain related closures. At the same time, shellstock tissue samples shall also be collected from active market harvest areas for bacteriological analysis after the sewage or rain related closures. The conditionally approved area shall be reopened on the third day after the collection of satisfactory water samples. Water

samples at all routine stations must contain less than or equal to 14 fecal coliform colony forming units per 100 ml of water. Tissue samples must contain no more than the number of fecal coliforms found in pre-event tissue samples and must not exceed 230 fecal coliforms MPN per 100gm of tissue. Under no circumstances will reopening be earlier than the eighth day following the end of a rain event in any conditional area. There will no longer be any reopening automatically following rainfall events. Aquaculture hopes to have enough data by the end of 2009. Further discussions centered on the FDA and will harvesters have a level of comfort by the end of 2009 and will FDA accept the program data.

## COMMITTEES

### HEALTH DEPT

Mr. Closter reports:

3.00 inches of rain in April vs. 8.10 last year and average since 1987 of 6.49 inches. There were 222 calls in April. There was a closure in the CAA area for over 1/2 inch of rain from 4/4 through 4/12 and 4/22 through 4/23 for a pump bypass. There is a closure in Westport starting from 4/28 for a pump bypass and transplanting. There were four notices of by-pass reported.

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4-15-08 10 gallons 258 Martin Luther King Dr Grease Blockage  
4-17-08 30 gallons 1 Gregory Blvd Grinder Pump Leaking  
4-21-08 500 gallons Trolley pump station Pump Failure Electrical  
4-23-08 20 gallons 79 Soundview Ave Grease Blockage

### WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Comm. Johnson reports odor problem seems to be much better. Chemical they are adding at the de-watering plant seems to be effective and the doors are closed more often.

### WATER QUALITY

Harbormaster Griffin reports Water Quality Committee is evaluating funding and schedule for summer intern program.

### PERMITS

Mr. Casagrande reports check from Fisherman's World for permits was made out for \$918 and should have been for \$928. He will make sure it is corrected. Forty-seven permits for city residents and twenty four permits for non-residents.

### POLICE

Sgt LaPak reports for April 16 hrs patrol, no arrests. Bronze snaps need replacing for flags. Work barge behind Manresa power plant for cable laying. DEP will go out next week to monitor silt containment.

## ADVISORY

Capt. Dave Hopp states water temperature is 54 degrees.

## HARBOR MANAGEMENT

Harbormaster Griffin discussed dredging project and areas of concern. EPA is requiring materials from North Cove in Saybrook to be tested for suitability for capping. He is expecting a favorable report. Also discussed update from Durocher Marine. Work commences south of Sheffield Island to complete all work in the Harbor. Approximately 4,500 of linear feet of hand jetting is left to do and most of that requires split pipe protectors to be installed prior to hand jetting. Discussions ensued regarding concerns over silt containment.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Dr. Serena to accept committee reports.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Harbormaster Griffin stated that people should visit the boating center to see the new interior work and photographs.

## NEXT MEETING

Thursday June 5th, 2008

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 8:10 PM by Dr. Serena, 2nd by Mr. Johnson

