

Mayor's Water Quality Committee Agenda
For November 4, 2021

- a. Call to order;
- b. **Roll call;** Steve Bartush, Bill Mooney, John Crespo, Diane Lauricella, Dick Harris, Pete Johnson, Chris Malik, Harry Rilling, John Romano, Joe Schnierlein, Geoff Steadman, Louise Washer
- c. Moment of silence for Jim Bartley
- d. **Communications;**
 - DEEP - Chris
 - Dept. of Transportation via Shellfish or Harbor Comm.
 - Dept. of Aquaculture
 - Dept of Health – dye testing
 - Harbor Commission – Eversource communication of plan – Geoff or John
 - Planning and Zoning
- e. **Old business;**
 - 1. Recommendations for commissions and City Hall emailed out.
 - 2. Letter from Miami Dade requesting addresses. – former student.
- f. **New Business:**
 - 1. Louise Washer – Watershed Initiative
 - 2. Diane Lauricella – permits, etc.
 - 3. Dick Harris – mitten crabs in Saugatuck
 - 4. Filling Jim Bartley's seat
 - 5. Anything else?

G) Public comments

H) Reading and approval of minutes from 9-2- 21 and 10-7-21 – SEE BELOW.

I) Next meeting tentatively Dec. 2, 2021

J) Adjournment.

CITY OF NORWALK

MAYOR'S WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Joe Schnierlein, Chair; Steve Bartush, John Crespo, Dick Harris, Pete Johnson, Diane Lauricella, Christopher Malik, John Romano, Geoff Steadman

William Mooney, Health Department

This meeting was conducted by Zoom Teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schnierlein called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

- DEEP – No report.

- Dept. of Transportation via Shellfish or Harbor Comm. – Mr. Romano said that there would be a joint meeting on October 6, 2021 with the Harbor Commission, the Mayor's Water Quality Advisory and [inaudible].

Ms. Lauricella said that the group was from Boston and were working on the Industrial Zone review. They were invited to the City by the Planning and Zoning Department. Discussion about the details followed.

- Dept. of Aquaculture – No report.

- Dept. of Health – Replaced a rain gauge earlier in the day and new software will be installed soon. DPW recorded 7.5 inches after the previous night's storm.

- Harbor Commission – No report.

- Planning and Zoning – Mr. Schnierlein asked if everyone had received an invitation to the October 6, 2021 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Recommendations for Commissions and City. –

Mr. Harris said he had some issues with the recommendations. He said that DPW had been working on establishing GPS locations on the sewer lines. He said that a number of items had already been done or were in the process. The discussion moved to the request for two interns.

Mr. Steadman said that he had submitted some comments. He said that they needed to support a new permit for private drains.

Mr. Schnierlein asked Committee members to categorize their recommendations according to the various Commissions that would be responsible for the projects. Discussion followed.

Ms. Lauricella suggested some categories such as:

- Surface water, ground water and septic.
- Land Use, conservation buffer zones
- Planning and Zoning, flood and erosion control • Infrastructure
- Education

Mr. Schnierlien said if the discussion drags on, he would send out the recommendations as they stand with a note that the Advisory Committee does not agree on all of the points. Discussion followed about having this ready for the upcoming elections.

Mr. Schnierlien said that he would agree extending the deadline for one week. Otherwise there will not be able to send it out, review it, and submit comments. Discussion followed by next Friday about compiling the various suggestions to Mr. Bartush.

**** MR. BARTUSH MOVED TO CREATE A COMPILATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMISSIONS.**

**** THERE WAS A SECOND.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Mission Statement review and vote on

Mr. Schnierlien said that Mr. Bartley had updated the mission statement and it was attached to

the agenda.

Ms. Lauricella said that they had omitted the phrase “watershed” from the mission statement. She will send the update to Mr. Schnierlien within the next few days.

City Of Norwalk

Mayor’s Water Quality Committee Regular Meeting

September 2, 2021

CITY OF NORWALK

MAYOR’S WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2021

Joe Schnierlein, Chair; Steve Bartush, Dick Harris, Diane Lauricella, Christopher Malik, John Romano, Geoff Steadman

William Mooney, Health Department

This meeting was conducted by Zoom Teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Schnierlein called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

- DEEP – Mr. Malik said that Jennifer Perry is no longer the manager of Water

Management Bureau. Currently, there is no Director for Mr. Malik's department. • Dept. of Transportation via Shellfish or Harbor Comm. – No report.

- Harbor Commission – Eversource Communication of plan – Geoff Steadman.

Mr. Romano said that Eversource had contacted him and presented a plan that would be more acceptable to the Harbor Commission and the Shellfish Commission. Mr. Steadman displayed a map showing where the current plan would have the line buried underneath the Federal Navigation Channel. The proposal avoids the Visitor's Dock and most of Veteran's Park. Discussion followed.

- Dept. of Aquaculture – No report.

- Dept. of Health – Mr. Mooney said that they would be doing some dye testing at a Wilson Point due to recent high bacteria counts.

Mr. Mooney said that he had received a letter from Miami Dade Economic Resources Department requesting the names and emails of the Water Quality

Committee. He said that he would not release anyone's information without their information. Mr. Schnierlein said that he would contact them regarding why they are requesting the information.

- Planning and Zoning – Mr. Schnierlein said that the Planning and Zoning had held a meeting the previous day and it went well. The file is very large. A discussion followed about using DropBox or Google Drive for access to the material.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Recommendations for Commissions and City. –

Mr. Schnierlein said that the list Mr. Bartush had compiled contained the concerns that the Committee has. He said that not everyone will be happy with the listing. Mr. Schnierlein also explained that the original breakout of the information into categories has been discarded. Mr. Bartush was able to reduce the document down to a page and a half.

Ms. Lauricella said that she would like to add "Norwalk River Action Plan" to item #1. This was acceptable to everyone. Mr. Harris suggested the addition of "Harbor Watch". This was acceptable to everyone.

The discussion moved to requesting the Water Pollution Control Authority to present to the Water Quality Committee. Mr. Schnierlein said that he had contacted the WPCA and that Mr. Cole had said that they would not attend the Water Quality meetings but would be willing to answer any questions that are submitted to them. Mr. Cole also invited the Water Quality Committee to attend their meetings.

The Committee then discussed the remaining points and made various changes to the text.

NEW BUSINESS

- Geoff Steadman

Due to time constrains, this item was not addressed at this time.

- Planning and Zoning Meeting on October 6.

This was mentioned earlier but due to time constrains, this item was not discussed at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no one from the public present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES • September 2, 2021

Due to time constrains, this item was not addressed at this time. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2021. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schnierlein adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services.