

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COASTAL WATERS TOWN OF DARIEN

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:
MARY FLYNN, PARKS & REC COMM.
TOM BELL, HARBOR MASTER,
CAP. GARY PAVIA, POLICE

Minutes of June 3, 2015 Meeting

The meeting, in Room 119, Town Hall, was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Huffard.

Present were: Commissioners Huffard, Cavers, Sparkman, Balloch, and Vilter. Also present were Harbor Master Tom Bell, Audrey Weil and Mark Ioli (from the Parks & Recreation Commission).

Absent were: Commissioners Kemp, Monro, Jewett, McDonald, Spivey, Sparkman and Schoudel .

The minutes of the April 1, 2015 meeting and the May 6, 2015 meeting were approved.

Chairman's Report

1. Save the Sound Meeting. Chairman Huffard reported on the Save the Sound meeting which he attended. While at the meeting, Chairman Huffard spoke with an individual from Save the Sound who indicated interest in working with the Commission to help develop a mechanism to test for levels of nitrogen in Darien Coastal Waters. The Town currently tests for bacteria levels but not for nitrogen. Getting a quantitative handle on nitrogen levels in Town waters seems to have immediate relevance, given the recent macro-algae bloom seen in Darien and Rowayton waters. On a related note, Chairman Huffard commented that the Commission should undertake consideration of whether to form a water quality task force. Lastly, Commissioner Balloch noted that it has been determined that significant cause of pollution in Westchester County Coastal Waters is due to cracked sewage pipes.
2. Long Island Sound Study. Chairman Huffard also attended a meeting of the Long Island Sound Study and reported generally on the meeting.
3. Town of Darien Plan of Conservation and Development. Chairman Huffard noted that Darien Planning and Zoning is not expected to take action on matters concerning Darien Coastal Waters until this coming October. At the meeting, Chairman Huffard distributed to the Commission specific pages taken from the working papers associated with Plan of Conservation and Development concerning Darien Coastal Waters. Chairman Huffard noted that the Plan takes into account comments and observations of the Commission that were sent to Planning and Zoning in a formal letter. Finally, Chairman Huffard noted that there may be further opportunity for the Commission to contribute further to the Plan.

Shellfish Chairman's Report

As Shellfish commissioner Spivey was absent, there was not a Shellfish report.

Harbor Master's Report

Harbor Master Bell reported on his June 1, 2015 letter delivered to the Board of Selectman concerning 2015 Harbor Survey Results and Harbor Updates. A copy of this letter is attached to these Minutes.

Rock Hazard Task Force

Chairman Huffard indicated that the Rock Hazard Task Force will undertake a study to identify the worst dozen or so submerged hazards in Darien Coastal Waters and then to prioritize which of those are deserving of being marked with buoys, and the best manner in which to so mark the buoys.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2015 at 7:30 pm, Room 119, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Vilter
Clerk