

South End NRZ Zoom Minutes Nov 14th 2023

Present: 18 Participants

The meeting began at 6:30 pm

Kathleen Knight of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection with other Deep representatives (**Deborah Abibou**, **MadelineDuda**, **Abigail Winter**, **Doris Johnson**) gave a presentation on the Long Island Sound Study formed in 1985. The goal of the Long Island Sound Study is to engage communities on the local levels and to get more voices involved in the decision process:

Environmental Justice Needs Assessment share your input:

English Link: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7487754/ae7b26a41bab

Spanish Link: https://survey.alchemer.com/s37509552/063127afe18c

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Al Kaproski inquired about the status of the Water Street Park fishing pier that was discussed 7 months ago. Terry Adams stated he would follow-up with Parks and Recreation for an update. All also requested that clean-up be done around the Water Street Park to get a better view of the water since the bushes are so overgrown it seems only the grass is being cut.

Captain Tom Barcello gave an update on the activities in the South End stating November was the worst month:

- 1. Homicide involving South End residents was wrapped very quickly.
- 2. Robbery on Henry Street stating residents need to be careful of your surroundings.
- 3. Shots fired in the air on Towne Street

Captain Barcello mentioned that when there is an uptick in activity patrols are increased and there is also a lot of monitoring in the background. Concerns were mentioned about the number of NY & NJ cars being parked late night in dark areas that are normally not seen, Captain Barcello stated he would look into the late-night parking's.

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Sue Halpern announced there will be a South End Historic information session at the Government center on November 29, 2023 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be in person and on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm