

**SASCO BROOK COMMITTEE MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2013**

Members Present:

Alicia Mozian, Westport Conservation Director,  
Geoff Steadman, Consultant  
Tom Steinke, Fairfield Conservation Director  
Carla Nelson, Fairfield County Hunt Club  
Pete Fraboni, HarborWatch/River Watch (HW/RW)  
Mark Cooper, WW Health District

Guest:

Sandy Wakeman, Fairfield Shellfish Commission

1. Review of May 23, 2013 meeting minutes - tabled for acceptance.
2. Water Quality Testing Results

Summer Testing of Sasco

Pete distributed test results from the summer, including E-coli readings from the June Horse Show.

Sub Watershed A: Watershed: overall the watershed is doing well. High counts occurred primarily when the water levels were too low. It was decided that the dye testing of the Home Goods Shopping Center should be rescheduled as discussed during the meeting with Dick Harris (HW/RW), Tom Steinke and Bryan Thompson of DPW. The committee should consider whether more catch basins behind Home Goods should be added for regular testing.

Sub Watershed B: a couple of hot spots were noted at Ingleside Road in Fairfield and the pond on Sturges Highway – 7B

Sub Watershed C: Watershed: includes Hunt Club Horse Show results which are much better than in past years and continues to demonstrate that the stormwater management improvements implemented by the Hunt Club have been working.

Sub Watershed D: E-coli numbers are still not so bad except after a rain event, when they are very high. Numbers are especially high behind the Home Goods dumpster. Is the location of the dumpster a problem?  
Tom: is it realistic to think that the mouth of the Sasco will ever be reopened.

Sandy: In talks with Dave Carey, he thought that they would not entertain the reopening until the Exide site in Fairfield is cleaned up. However, he said Dave Carey thought that Sasco Brook was not contributing to the closure but it was the Harbor that was the problem with flows out of the Mill River to the East. From all the data collected, D7, D7.1 are the most troubling, but that only seems to occur after a rain event.

Geoff will get an aerial photo of the Route 1 corridor.

3. Sewer line extension update.

Extension is planned into a portion of Westport including in and around the Hunt Club. Engineer is finishing up the survey, should have design done by the first of the year with construction next summer.

\* ask why 2 lots off Old Road are not part of the connection.

4. Next Steps in furthering the goals of the plan

a. Storm drain stenciling project.

Alicia reported she was approached by "Save the Sound" about storm drain marking. She would like to replace those in the watershed put on over 10 years ago, plus go into new neighborhoods. The Committee agreed.

5. Other Business

- a. Sandy requested that minutes and agendas from January 2013 on, be posted on town website.
- b. Carla to hold manure management workshop in November, ask Roman for assistance.
- c. Alicia to update website.
- d. Mark Cooper – applying for Agriculture Viability Grant for DNA sampling.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2013**

Adjournment: 11:15 a.m.