

SASCO BROOK COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 23, 2013

Attendance:

Members: Alicia Mozian, Westport Conservation Director
Chris Malik, Connecticut DEEP
Geoff Steadman, Consultant
Tom Steinke, Fairfield Conservation Director
Guests: Sandy Wakeman, Fairfield Shellfish Commission
Steve Edwards, Westport Public Works Director
Brad Payne, Staples HS intern

1. Review of March 28, 2013 minutes – tabled for acceptance

2. Memorandum of Agreement Display

Geoff distributed. The group identified who should receive it and various members took them for distribution. Alicia asked Geoff to submit receipts for cost of printing and mounting.

3. Next Steps in furthering the goals of the plan

- a. Introduction of Staples intern and assignment of project(s).
- b. Annual manure management workshop
- c. Planning for outreach at annual horse show outreach efforts

a. Intern Projects

It was decided that Brad should view the Town's web-site to see how the viewer can be better directed to the Conservation Department, Sasco Brook and information about addressing non-point source pollution on their own property. Sending personal e-mails was not supported. Also, we should ask Parks & Recreation to put something in its newsletter to solicit emails to receive non-point pollution info etc. Brad should also view the Conservation Dept in general as to what could be added. We should also add pieces of the plan on the web site along with the Memorandum of Agreement. The full text of the plan is on the DEEP web site and the viewer should be able to link to that.

b. Annual Manure Management Workshop

Alicia reported that she spoke with Carla Nelson and the Hunt Club decided having a workshop during the time of the annual horse show in June would not be well attended. Instead, we will look for another time. Carol Donzella of NRCS did forward information about the CT Horse Council whereby we may be able to attract more attendees.

c. Planning for outreach at annual horse show outreach efforts

It was decided that the MOA would be displayed at the Hunt Club and Carol Donzella would provide manure management information packets.

4 Water Quality Testing Results taken by HarborWatch

a. HW Student Volunteer presentation 7:00 pm May 23rd at Earthplace

Alicia reminded the group that the student water quality test result presentation was tonight.

b. Sewer line extension request into portion of Sasco Brook watershed

Alicia and Steve Edwards reviewed the area of the sewer line extension which included, in part, Elizabeth Drive and Mallard Lane which are particularly wet areas that may have had compromised septic systems. The Hunt Club is part of the project area too.

Ulbrick Lane and Grist Mill Lane are not part of the expansion but Steve surmised they may want to connect once service is in. Sewer system does have capacity to handle it.

If there is a history of a septic failure the property will be mandated to connect.

This sewer expansion is a priority because of Sasco Creek being listed on the state's list of impaired waterways. A Positive 8-24 report has been issued by the P&ZC and it is now to the Board of Finance and then out to bid for engineering documents.

5. Discussion with Steve Edwards, Public Works Director, regarding resolution of grease discharge violation at 1872 Post Rd East, Tiger Bowl Restaurant.

Steve explained that the sewer line is privately owned by Juster Properties. When problem was first discovered over 10 years ago his office had the Tiger Bowl restaurant install a 1000 gal grease trap with a grease separation unit. The line is checked routinely for problems. In 2000, his office required the owner to re-lay the line 35 ft so that it gravity feeds direct flow to pump station.

Steve explained he does not have access to TV the line through grease. He could dye test but that will go through grease too.

Could put in Home Goods but there is not enough distance. (35 ft. from manhole to pump station – too short).

His office did physically inspect the line when new pvc was installed, and the line is inspected regularly. There is no potential for a “Y” connection.

Steve was amenable to talking with HarborWatch about testing in the vicinity, especially the swale behind the shopping center. And, also Woodhill Rd.

He also offered that the next tenant that comes in will have to replace the whole line with clean outs.

Alicia to arrange a meeting with Steve Edwards, Dick Harris and Tom Steinke

6. Other Business

a. Chris reported that monitoring money is drying up but there is 319 money for BMPs

He encouraged the group to look for proposals outlined in the watershed management plan.

b. Sandy asked whether Bureau of Aquaculture had finished its Shoreline Study of Westport and if so, when will results be ready? And was Sasco Creek included?

Tom said they do not survey prohibited areas. The purpose it is to identify any new problem areas. Alicia asked to follow-up.

Adjournment: 11:30 a.m.