

Minutes
Sasco Brook Pollution Abatement Committee
November 29, 2012

Attendance:

Alicia Mozian, Westport Conservation Director
Mark Cooper, Director, Westport –Weston Health District
Geoff Steadman, Consultant
Dick Harris, HW
Carla Nelson, Fairfield County Hunt Club
Kristin DeRosa-Banick, Bureau of Aquaculture

1. Review of September 27, 2012 meeting minutes.

Minutes approved as written. Cooper/Nelson Vote 6:0:0

2. Southwest Conservation District Award for “Outstanding Partnering Agent in Support of District Technical Programs.”

Ms. Mozian reported that Committee was honored with this award in recognition of its support of the Districts Equine Agricultural Waste Management Program and continued advocacy of water quality issues along the Long Island Sound coastal boundary. She also noted that the Fairfield County Hunt Club received an award for “Excellence in Conservation” for all of its efforts in addressing stormwater runoff. Norm Bloom of Bloom&Son Oysters&Clams was also honored for his commitment to educating decision makers of the impact of land use on water quality in Long Island Sound and how that affects the shellfish resource in the Sound.

3. Water Quality Testing Results taken by HarborWatch

Mr. Harris presented data collected from September through November. Results are ok except on certain dates, conceivably after a significant rainfall event. A particular problem was shown near the Bulkley Pond Dam but only on one occasion. Need to keep vigil if this problem persists.

Ms. Mozian said she would ask if a representative from DPW could come to the next meeting to help trouble shoot some of the sources.

4. Watershed Management Plan: proper display and distribution of Memorandum of Agreement

Mr. Steadman presented a draft of the display showing an aerial photograph of the brook, a map of the watershed, photos of the volunteers conducting water sampling, excerpt from the language and signatories of the MOA. The committee approved it with very

minor revisions. Mr. Steadman will finalize it and have it mounted so each municipality can display it.

5. Next Steps in furthering the goals of the plan

- a. Grant Update: Several grants have been applied for including two from the Agriculture Viability Grant Program and one from the Urban Waters Grant Program.
- b. Ms. Mozian relayed that the Staples Senior Internship Program is seeking hosts for their interns. She would like to sign up for an intern to work on some efforts to help advance the goals of the plan. The Committee agreed. Some of the projects suggested collecting all the water quality test results compiled over the last 10-15 years by both HW and Bureau of Aquaculture and a graphic design project that would highlight successful, local LID installations like vegetative buffers and swales.
- c. Ms. Nelson would be willing to host annual manure management workshops at The Hunt Club but will first query some of her membership about what incentives could be used to promote attendance.