

Minutes
Sasco Brook Pollution Abatement Committee
July 26, 2012

Attendance:

Alicia Mozian, Westport Conservation Director
Geoff Steadman, Consultant
Dick Harris, Peter Fraboni, HW/RW
Stuart Sachs, L.A.
Carla Nelson, Fairfield County Hunt Club

1. Review of May 31, 2012 meeting minutes.

Minutes approved with minor changes.

2. Water Quality Testing Results taken by HarborWatch/RiverWatch; June Hunt Club horse show

Ms. Nelson reported that the number of horses on the site is approximately 50 less than last year. Unfortunately, the counts were very high during the show especially at testing site HCO.1 which is the angled ditch toward neighborhood (Hunt Club Lane) but 6C which is the discharge point at the new swale was much lower, therefore, problem is between 6C and HCO.

Testing during daily operations indicate that BMP's are operating pretty well. Possible sources: washing of horses outside of wash stalls. Dick and Stuart will be doing further investigation. Events Management Plan should be reviewed and updated as needed. Next horse show August 17th, 2012.

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

All signatures have been secured. Mr. Steadman graciously agreed to frame the MOA for display for each town.

4. Other Business

a. South West Conservation District manure management workshop success
All together about 20 people, about 8 were invitees. Two people signed up for District assistance.

b. Geoff Steadman reported that the Norwalk River Watershed has 10 years worth of data collected by HW/RW and Bureau of Aquaculture. This data is being analyzed to see if there is a correlation between counts and rainfall in the Harbor vs. the River. The same analysis could possibly apply to Sasco.

In addition, the NRW is looking to do their own door-to-door survey in the Silvermine watershed using our survey as a template. They would also add an assessment of people's property and would offer as an incentive to participate a free septic pump-out.

c. Dick reported that several important agency heads have been given a tour of Norwalk Harbor and the issues facing it as a way of bringing attention to the water quality problems and how it affects shellfish and fish populations and harvesting.

d. Grant Update: Ms. Mozian reported that Mark Cooper received call from LISFF asking for additional information. We are hopeful this is a good sign that our grant application may be approved.

Next Meeting: September 27th, 2012