

**COHASSET STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
21 MARCH 2016**

Present: Jim Fitzgerald and Noel Collins

Absent/Excused: Francis Collins

Invited Guests: Jack Buckley (Center for Student Coastal Research)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened on 21 March 2016 at 7:00 PM in Cohasset Town Hall – 2nd Floor Break Room.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes for the 7 January 2016 meeting minutes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting minutes were approved with several edits.

3. DAM

Committee discussed with Jack Buckley (CSCR) potential overlapping/complementary “educational” opportunities consistent with school curriculum, CSCR efforts, and Stormwater Advisory Committee public awareness efforts. Discussions included, but were not necessarily limited to:

- Eutrophication of Sanctuary Pond – evaluate causes, quantify impacts and investigate/evaluate possible control/ remediation activities
- Prepare Educational Program / Raising Awareness - Know your watershed!
 - Cohasset Mariner article series on stormwater and related items
 - Osgood and Deer Hill curriculum on stormwater issues, possibility of high school students delivering a program to the middle school / Deer Hill students
 - Participates in the 6th grade program becomes an Honorary Stormwater Advisor! Using students to positively impact parent’s behavior.
- Investigate North Scituate drainage impacts/contamination of the Gulf River; follow-up on previously performed Foam Study
- Investigate Hydraulic and Nutrient Balance of Cohasset Harbor (and headwaters)
 - Cohasset Cove and Cohasset Harbor exchange and flushing- calculate volume of water and determine impact on ecosystem...
 - Watershed drainage, watershed route to the harbor; sub-drainage- where does it go?
- Evaluate Greenbush Wetland Replication Efforts– Evaluate current status of Greenbush replicated wetlands including wetland plant life, wildlife populations/diversification, etc.

- Refuse Transfer Station (RTF) – Evaluate effectiveness of current waste segregation efforts, update waste stream analysis (amount of recyclables disposed as trash) and possible programs to improve recycling rates.

4. ACTION ITEMS

Jim Fitzgerald to work with Brian Joyce on letter to Selectmen related to Committee's recommendation for annual funding to support maintenance of existing rain gardens.

5. NEXT MEETING

The Committee did not establish a date/time for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved the Committee accepted the above meeting minutes during the 19 April 2016 Committee meeting.

Attested

James D. Fitzgerald
Secretary