

**COHASSET STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
7 JANUARY 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 7 January 2016 at 7:00 PM in Cohasset Town Hall – Basement Meeting Room.

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes for the 22 July 2015 meeting minutes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting minutes were approved with several edits.

**3. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSION**

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 approved the above meeting minutes (incorporating several edits) during the 21 March 2016 Committee meeting.

Attested

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James D. Fitzgerald  
Secretary