

MANCHESTER COASTAL STREAM TEAM
Minutes of Monday, January 23, 2023
Virtual, 7:00 pm

Members Present: Jessica Lamothe, Chair; Francie Caudill; Deb Fraize; Patti Mitchell

Members Absent: Lynn Atkinson; Carolyn Kelly; Joan Nesbit

Also Present: Barbara Warren; Michele Kulick

Chair Lamothe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Coastal Vulnerability Action Plan

The town received a \$175K Coastal Zone Management Coastal Resilience Grant to create a coastal vulnerability action plan. Jessica was told that the Select Board would like a Steering Committee made up of members of various town committees to advise the consultant, Fuss & O'Neil, in this process. Jessica offered to represent the Stream Team on the committee, which will be active between now and June 2023. B. Warren will also be a part of the committee, representing Salem Sound Coastwatch.

Current Business

- Sawmill Brook: Lynn has removed the HOBO's from the stream locations and downloaded the temperature data. She will present the data at a future meeting.
- After discussion at our last meeting, Jessica followed up with DPW director C. Dam and learned that sand covering the road from winter storms at White and Black beaches is usually returned to the beach, although last year they had to bring some to the compost site. They have hired a consultant to look at these operations and expect to be before the ConCom in the next month or so.
- Stream Team members on the Contaminants Working Group of the Water Resources Protection Task Force are preparing a draft report on findings and recommendations to the Select Board. Barbara Warren offered to contribute past water testing data from Sawmill Brook, as it may be a helpful resource.
- Jessica reported that Mary Rimmer, Environmental Consultant, was chosen by the ConCom to do the Environmental Assessment and Wetland Restoration Plan for Causeway Brook by the Memorial School. The first step will be a thorough study of existing conditions including mapping and invasives identification. B. Warren would like to be kept updated on this project. She questioned whether the work would extend to the confluence of Causeway and Sawmill Brook. Jessica will check in with Chris Bertoni and find out the physical parameters of the study.
- Salem Sound Coastwatch will collect water samples from Sawmill Brook for eDNA testing for fish species this coming spring, specifically for evidence of rainbow smelt and maybe Alewife herring.

Salem Sound Coastwatch Updates

- Barbara announced several staffing changes at SSCW.
- The "Underwater in Salem Sound" lecture series is ongoing, both in-person in Marblehead and online, and the lectures are recorded. More info on salemsound.org

The minutes of December 5, 2022 were approved.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023 via Zoom

Minutes submitted by Francie Caudill