

MANCHESTER COASTAL STREAM TEAM
Minutes of September 25, 2023
Virtual, 7:00 pm

Members present: Jessica Lamothe, Chair; Lynn Atkinson; Francie Caudill; Deb Fraize; Patti Mitchell

Also present: Barbara Warren, Salem Sound Coastwatch Director

Review of Summer Activities

- A small amount of blooming invasive purple loosestrife was cut at Dexter Pond.
- Marine invasive species were monitored at White Beach, with SSCW.
- Following the usual high bacterial counts in the Kettle Cove Marsh, Lynn and Francie met with the director and the administrator of the Manchester Board of Health, along with B. Warren and Susan Marsh from Salem Sound Coastwatch. Jessica will contact the Board of Health to find out if there is any update on septic systems that drain into the marsh.

Current Business

- B. Warren has not yet received a response to her inquiries to state officials about the possible designation of Sawmill Brook as an “Outstanding Water Resource.”
- Lynn and Francie installed 7 HOBO’s in Sawmill Brook and Cat Brook in May to monitor water temperature over the summer.
- There was no update on the proposed work for Causeway Brook by the Memorial School. Jessica will send links to Lynn’s brook trout video to Mary Rimmer, the town’s environmental consultant on this project.

Updates from other committees

- Water Resources Protection Task Force: Jessica reported that the proposed new water rate structure in Town has been tabled by the Selectman for the time being.
- Deb reported that the Harbor Master Plan Committee was urged to remain in their official capacity as a Town Committee rather than a working group, in a recent meeting with the Urban Harbor Group.

Salem Sound Coastwatch Update

- Barbara Warren reported that there are several new staff members working at SSCW.
- Barbara inquired when work would start on the Central Street dam and culvert project. Jessica will contact Greg Federspiel about the schedule.

The minutes of May 15, 2023 were approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Francie Caudill

