

Brooklyn Conservation Commission

Source Water Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Clifford B. Green Memorial Building

February 1, 2016

Present: Diane Wimmer; Michael Oatley; Bev Thornton; Jeannine Noel; Harry Adams; Carlene Kelleher; Sandy Brodeur; and Jeffrey Arends.

Absent: Dana Heilemann; Charlotte Merrill; and Tom Rukstela.

Guests: Marc Cohen of Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association; First Selectman Rick Ives

The meeting was called to order by D. Wimmer at 7 PM.

A Motion to approve the January 4, 2016 minutes was made by J. Noel. Seconded by H. Adams. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

M. Cohen reported that he has made the requested changes to both the plan and the educational outreach material, which is now in the form of a brochure.

S. Brodeur requested that the brochure be amended to explain what gravel aquifers are.

C. Kelleher inquired as to how residents may dispose of household hazardous chemicals. A discussion ensued regarding the fact that the Town does not have a household hazardous waste disposal facility. NECCOG is exploring the possibility of building a regional facility.

J. Arends inquired about the use of rain barrels and whether they pose any problems with regard to 1) mosquitos; and 2) materials coming off roofs. B. Thornton explained that mosquitos are not an issue because the barrels are enclosed. S. Brodeur noted that water collected off asphalt roofs cannot be used for food gardens.

D. Wimmer stated that the final plan should be provided to the Board of Selectmen and Jana Roberson. The plan can also be put on the Town website.

S. Brodeur stated that she distributed the draft plan to the Agricultural Commission members for their review.

First Selectman Rick Ives stated that a NECCOG-sponsored regional household hazardous waste facility may be a reality by 2017.

R. Ives briefly discussed the MS4 guidelines that will have to be put into effect to control storm water runoff in East Brooklyn.

J. Arends suggested that the brochure be revised to include language advising residents to store household hazardous chemicals until such time as a collection day is held.

It was noted that the transfer station will take motor oil and paint.

A brief discussion regarding the best way to approach education outreach was held. The general consensus was that the most effective approach will be to distribute the brochure at Family Fun Day. S. Brodeur suggested that the brochure be put on the Town website. C. Kelleher suggested that copies be made available at the Town Hall. J. Arends suggested a mass mailing of the brochure to residents. M. Oatley noted that if the brochure is to be placed on the Town website, it will need to be redesigned to be web friendly. The distribution of the brochure in schools and on Earth Day was also discussed. M. Cohen inquired whether the Commission has a budget for printing. D. Wimmer said the answer is yes. She will contact Melissa Bradley to determine which vendor the Town uses for publishing. R. Ives noted that the Town has Microsoft Publisher and can assist Mr. Cohen with any necessary redesign of the pamphlet.

D. Wimmer requested that M. Cohen attend one final subcommittee meeting to conclude this project.

M. Cohen stated that he will print hard copies of the final report for the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Agricultural Commission, and Jana Roberson.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Noel. Seconded by M. Oatley. No discussion. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hopkins

Recording Secretary