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The monthly meeting of the Civic Association of Short Beach was held on Monday January 14 , 2019, at the Union Church, 14 Pentecost Street, Short Beach, CT.

Present: Darce DeCosta, John Graham, Fran Clark, Dave Perkins, Peggy Carpenter, Chris Collins, Francesca Bickel, Paula Wilmer

Doug Hanlon called the meeting to order at 7:45am.

1. East Shore Health Department's Michael Pascucilla and Alex Cenotti will attend our meeting to discuss a current project to explore water quality and sewer issues in Short Beach. We will invite past board members and people who have shown an interest in water quality issues in the past. There may be additional meetings as the project progresses.
Head of East Shore Health

Project Overview

Farm River Work in 2021. Sanitary survey of river, human vs. animal markers. Funding - combination of bacterial markers - animal and human, direct and indirect sources.

2016-2017 report of water quality in some shore line towns, rainfall data. Wanted to do preemptive closures after rain. Data said after 2 inches of rain not safe to be in water. Sampling data is mostly in the summer, but do get high bacteria levels all year around.

Data shows farther you go out, the water is usually cleaner but not all the time. Water sampling for shellfish still get high bacterial levels after rain event, but trigger is higher

2017-2018 worked with 2 other communities and watersheds, Mimic study of 2012, farm river sampled again, source trapping, dna analysis, found in general most of contamination, based on limited number of sampling, was mostly animals, not human, this is the first community in CT that has done this. UConn just started it, but we have been doing it for awhile. Markers didn't work as well as expected. Variety of markers, different species of animals, data suggested that universal markers do not work everywhere. Did get high levels of bacteria, couldn't identify species. From human waste standpoint not as bad as we saw years ago.

Want to improve water quality of Clark Beach (Johnson's Beach). Last report card was a C. 2018 data also showed us that getting high levels of bacteria. Not sure where its coming from. Suspect from storm drains or farm river. Some suggestion from dept. of aquaculture is that we are not getting a good flush and water just spinning around. Aim is to find out what is causing it. IF high levels of bacteria, what it is, where its coming from and how to improve it. Citizens science project. First for East Shore Health District. Looking for help from us. Team up to improve water qualities. We will have volunteers do some of the water collection, label storm drains, do some education. There are a few areas that we have identified as hot spots.

Do some mapping. Holding tanks, subservice, traditional septic and public sewer - get a map (have done some

mapping already). We want an all inclusive map - what we have now is limited. Part of the project is sampling - state requirements to sample. Hoping to add human and animal markers. At the end, put together a research report - here is what we found and our recommendations. USDA defined Farm River as watershed farm ready. Working with partners, go up the river and educate on best practices. Town of Branford is considering extended public sewer service on Riverview Ave. and extension. Sewers stop on Highland. More blasting. Low pressure forced main.

One point of contact to consider. Who will represent us? With an alternate. Some volunteers who are committed and have some time to work on the project. 2 weeks to a month more involves lining up the literature. From there will start sampling and plan out what the rest of the project looks like. Community meetings. ESDHD is a gov. agency but working with Yale and other town officials. Looking to work together.

When there is more than 2 inches of rain, beaches in Branford will be closing.

Next meeting, ESHD will come out again to provide an update. At some point, at end of project, would want a community meeting when they have the information.

Question asked about salts put on the road for snow/ice and the impact on the water. Short answer is yes. It's a balance.

Chris Collins suggested a representative from neighborhood groups be on committee to ESHD.

2. November & December 2018 Minutes – Fran Clark made a motion to table November 2018 minutes. Francesca Bickel seconded. All in favor. December minutes need to change the following: add a date, include present (delete Dave one time, correct names) and absent - Paula Wilmer, add no zoning applications under number 2, Dave Perkins explained that application working for the ZBA and CASB. Proposal to Walter Kawecki (not Walter Williams), chair of the ZBA. Under 4c, take out “Maggy”, correct Marty Hallier, 4d, add Fran’s last name Clark, 4e 6:30 will continue our ongoing zoning classes as necessary. Under f. Change Chris will to Chris did approve and sign. 4G. Add in updates for Owners by 4 Valley St. provided information, change DEP to DEEP, “So long as we proof we are...”. To So long as the owners prove..., change Dave Perkins drafted a response... to Dave Perkins sent the response Chris Collins will send a copy to the board. 5b, change CABS to CASB, 6d change Russo Vino to Rosso Vino, Added adjournment time of 8:30 John Graham made a motion to approve. Chris Collins seconded. All in favor.

3. Zoning Applications - 2019-1, 26 Court St. put accessory building (shed) in the back, 20x30. Not looking for variances. Dave Perkins has inspected it. Appropriate applications. Will review copies next month. Fran made a motion to table this. All in favor.

4. Report of the Treasurer - As of 12/31/18 checking 16793.90 and the savings has \$51502.38

5. Unfinished Business:

- a. Discuss status of zoning application instructions. Dave Perkins reports he will send information to Chris Collins to report in February.
- b. Website & Google Docs, discussed by Brian Funaro and Francesca Bickel and Paula Wilmer. Fran Clark said that minutes were not on the website. Paula Wilmer and Brian Funaro met to talk about what was missing, looking at best practices, etc. Robin Comey will join a future meeting when Paula Wilmer and Brian Funaro have a plan.
- c. Wall of “thank you” on the website: suggestions for November/December? Chris Collins provided Darce DeCosta a list of those who helped with the playground to send thank you notes.
- d. System/process for welcoming new neighbors to Short Beach –Final

letter was given out. John Graham contacted Genaro's and Rosso Vino, however no one got back to him. He will try again before the next meeting. Chris Collins showed the committee CASB bags to put the letter and coupons in. Francesca Bickel will hold onto the bags.

e. Update on Pardee fence repair. Fran Clark sent emails information from Alex Paluzzi with estimates and Alex Paluzzi's recommendation to consider replacing the whole fence. Doug Hanlon suggested calling Atlas Fence to ask for a quote for replacing the whole fence. Doug Hanlon and Brian Funaro will get quotes. Public works has been contacted about putting up the sign that was knocked down.

6. Reports of the Committees.

a. Fire & Police - Doug Hanlon and John Graham went to the Police Commission meeting tonight. John Graham said town will put no outlet sign on corner of Altman and Berger. Changing signs on Court St. on Shore Drive from No Parking to No Parking and No standing. Speed limit change sign coming into Shore drive from Rt. 1 at the corner of Shore Drive and Grove St. was gone and it will be replaced.

b. Sanitation - Chris Collins called the Solid Waste Commissioner, Dan McGowan and left a message. She will try again.

c. Parks & Beaches - no update

d. Roads & Sidewalks - Paula Wilmer indicated that some of the debris is still there, but most of it was picked up. The town picked it up. Doug Hanlon said 2nd driveway from Orchard House, there is an asphalt part of sidewalk is broken up. Robin Comey will be consulted about this sidewalks and the curbing that is broken east of Taylor Place.

7. New Business

a.. Fran Clark learned that Yale is looking to get a demolition permit for the properties on Highland Ave. /Clark Ave. (2 lots/3 houses). Do not have plans to replace anything per Chris Collins.

b.. Frank Clark balanced the financials. Had it reviewed by Connie Smith and has given it to Darce DeCosta to balance.

c. Doug Hanlon said that many people have indicated that there is nothing for more "tween" type of age. At some point, we should consider adding something for that age group.

d. Fran Clark reviewed how much we paid in legal fees. Discussion about how the ZBA should be funded. We will continue the discussion next meeting and put together a sub-committee.

Adjournment: Darce DeCosta made motion to adjourn at. 8:55pm. John Graham seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Darce DeCosta