

1. Attending members: Ann, Nigel, Brad, Tammy, Ayse, Julie

2. No public communications

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A. Nigel motioned to approve minutes from 9/27 meeting, Brad seconded

B. 1/2023 forum

Solidfy venue - Library cant confirm dates til 11/1/2022

Youth climate action group - Kim and Johnathan

WinTV spot with Kimberly to advertise

Washington park pond

most water chestnut is out but some seeds are still there. Expect sprouting next year

Some DPW employees are trained on how to remove them

Two aerators will be installed to improve water quality

Plant management is balance between fishing access vs. species concerns

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Concern over federal clean water protections being recinded - what local actions can be made to contribute to national discussion?

Tammy notes we might remind people where local drainage outputs too, impact on our drinking water/local environment

Brad notes that a Boy Scout project painted alerts that storm drains output to local waterbodies, Chloe mentions a similar project with glued placards

Pat Silver might help with fliers including this sort of information

Farmington R. Watershed Assoc. has info campaign with organic lawn maintenance for large waterbody protection

Brad notes that State of CT clean water protections are more stringent than national standards - Windsor faces less impact

Turf maintenance

pesticide use on Town Green, local parks is concerning

Pesticide use may be due to maintenance protocol (complaint based)

Is there an integrated pest/turf management plan for town owned turf? If not, direct to UConn Cooperative extension turf specialist.

If we are going to suggest discontinuing herbicides/pesticides - we should suggest an alternative

Natural controls were discussed - depends on what is being controlled for at each turf site

Invasive species

jumping worm

not much discussion so far in Windsor, but its range is spreading through state

they change soil composition and difficult to remove

Town of Norwalk CC has a handout suggesting native replacements to common invasive ornamental plants sold at nurseries

Water issues on property might be lessened by native plantings - native plant sellers are rare

Town of Windsor version might be productive

Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group has info on control measures, alternative resources

Published meeting dates

October 2023 meeting date needed to be rescheduled due to Halloween - either 30th or 1st

December 2023 meeting not scheduled due to holiday travel

Single use plastics

What can we do to reduce single use plastics?

Past efforts with reusable bags was mentioned but there are many out there now

WCC branded storage for reusable bags? Reusable mesh produce bags?