



**Peconic Estuary Program
Management Committee Meeting
June 13th, 2013, 10:00am**
SCCC Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center
20 E. Main Street, Riverhead, NY

Welcome and Introductions

Seth Ausubel, EPA Region 2
See sign-in sheet

Approval of Summary of March Management Committee Meeting

Seth Ausubel, EPA Region 2

Report on May 6 Policy Committee Meeting (Sheri Jewhurst, EPA Region 2)

- Annual report and strategic planning outcomes were summarized & budget discussed
- PC recommended no hire of Program Coordinator, re-direct \$30,000 to State Coordinator to make up reduction in FFY13 award amount

Program Office Updates (Alison Branco, PEP Program Director)

- PEP agreed to accept a portion of HEP's FFY13 award as an advance on FFY14 award (budgeted for Program Director salary)
- NEIWPC and SC grant applications were submitted on time
- IMA progress is good, outreach with towns underway, so far one resolution passed (Brookhaven) and good feedback from 3 other towns
- Conceptual Habitat Restoration Designs complete
- 1st Ludwiglia pull = 20 volunteers & staff, 2 cu.yards
- Upper Mills Fish Passage: Julie creating partnership, Southampton Trustees will accept DEC funds and administer RFP for engineering design
- Grangebél Fishway Monitoring 4x more fish since 2010 (~80,000) this year

CAC Updates (Alison Branco, PEP Program Director)

- Successful Peconic Family Fun Day
- Social Media (Facebook and Twitter) launched
- This summer: 1st issue electronic newsletter, Peconic CAN (Citizens Action Network) kick-off with Marion Lake Civic Assoc., Homeowner Rebate program to launch
- TNC polling/focus group results summarized (Kevin McDonald)

Discussion: FFY 2013 Workplan and Budget Revision (**Seth Ausubel / Alison Branco**)

- Final sequester budget reduction = 15%
- PC recommends no hire of program coordinator to fill gap
- Note that this will leave program director and state coordinator tied up in administrative tasks and unable to provide additional program momentum

ACTION → Table Program Coordinator Hire, revisit in September – reprogram \$30,000 to State Coordinator Salary/Fringe

ACTION → Need to begin Long-Term budget planning, initiate in September

Nitrogen Project Planning and Scoping

- TNC N-LOAD Modeling Results summarized (Alison Branco)
- Discussion regarding project scoping that meets policy needs for nitrogen reduction
- TAC will take lead, N workgroup to be formed

ACTION → Discuss N priority tasks and workgroup formation with TAC at June 19 meeting

ACTION → Continue to work with TNC to sort out the source of major differences between previous and new estimates of relative magnitude of fertilizer vs. septic loads

New Business

- Suffolk County Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan Steering Committee to meet soon
- Wetland Program Development Grant Opportunity

ACTION → Program Office to discuss WPDG opportunity with EPA