



The Town of Fenwick Island

800 Coastal Highway
Fenwick Island DE 19944
302.539.3011 * Fax: 302.539.1305

www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES- MARCH 3, 2016

Present: Mary Ellen Langan, Buzz Henifin, Betsy Henifin, Alex Daily, Colleen Wilson, Virginia Childers-Davidson, Pat Schuchman

Absent: Dave VanKavelaar, P. Breger, Roy Willilams, M. Burke

Call to Order and Salute to Flag

Approval of Minutes: Betsy Henifin made a motion to approve the January 14, 2016 minutes seconded by Buzz Henifin

Minutes:

- Colleen Wilson commented on the Town Newsletter article on the April 22nd Earth Day Clean-Up.
- She reviewed the plans discussed at last month's meeting for the Town's clean up.
- Betsy Henifin will be in charge of coffee and donuts. She will plan for 30 attendees.
- Mrs. Wilson added that Merritt Burke offered to take charge of the equipment such as gloves and bags, sun visors with the Earth Day 2016 logo and door prizes. He also offered to contact Chris Clark of the *Coastal Point* and notify Sen. Hocker and Rep. Gray of the event.
- She will get with Mr. Burke to go over these items and will contact both the *Wave* and *Coastal Point* to get newspaper coverage.
- Mary Ellen Langan will get with Linda Poole to have her design an Earth Day Proclamation for approval at the April 22nd Town Council meeting. She will also ask that Ms. Poole get the information posted on both the website and electronic board and ask that Kristie Brittingham place it on the Lobby information monitor.
- Buzz Henifin will assign teams to the various streets in teams of two or more.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Mrs. Langan brought up her concerns with diseased trees, in particular black pine trees, which she mentioned are a threat to healthy trees in Town. She commented on the presentation given at the February Town Council meeting

by Laura Yowell of the DE Department of Agriculture Forest Service and would like to see some kind of action in the form of an ordinance.

- The committee members commented on their thoughts and most agreed they would like to see the public educated on the diseased trees and prevention rather than enacting a law.
- Mrs. Langan also said that Merritt Burke mentioned there may be a grant available that for every diseased tree removed the grant would pay for a replacement tree. Mr. Burke also said he would look into getting prices from tree removal companies to see if the Town could get a group rate for the removal of multiple trees.
- Pat Schuchman further commented that literature could be made available in the Town lobby and something could be put onto the lobby information monitor.
- Mrs. Wilson said she would like to see the information as a public awareness effort for Earth Day.
- The committee also requested that Merritt Burke contact Tony Pratt of DNREC to ask about replacing damaged dune fence.

Announcements:

- May 20, 2016 (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) – Eden – First Annual Clean Water Forum – Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth Beach, De.
- March 19, 2016 – Beach Grass Planting – must sign up on-line with DNREC by March 11th.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 2:30 p.m.

Adjourn:

- Alex Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Buzz Henifin. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.