

## Fenwick Island Environmental Committee (FIEC) Meeting

April 13, 2017

**Committee Members Present:** Buzz Henefin, Betsy Henefin, Colleen Wilson, Virginia Childers-Davidson, David Van Kavelaar, Mary Ellen Langan, Alex Daly

**Town Representatives Present:** Pat Schuchman

**Guests:** BJ Van Kavelaar

Call to Order: Colleen called the meeting to order at 2:35 and the Pledge of Allegiance was spoken by all.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the March 16, 2017 were emailed by Colleen to FIEC members for comments, errors, and corrections. A motion was made (Buzz), and seconded (Dave), to approve the March 16 2017 Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Earth Day:** The 3' x 8' banner advertising our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Earth Day has been put up on the front of our town hall. It was mentioned that, in order to draw more attention to the event, a tent could be erected on the town hall site. The FIEC has such a tent and it will be evaluated as to its condition and suitability for our purpose. Prizes have been donated by Surf's Edge, Ocean Side Pizza, One Coastal, Fenwick Surf Shop, and McCabe's. Virginia at Sea Shell City has again donated a metal detector to the prize list. The give-away bags are here for our participants and they are a sturdy, green, hard card board bottomed bag with the catchy "I got trash(ed) in Fenwick Island" saying printed on the front. Large pink trash bags, latex gloves, and water will be provided for cleanup participants.

Colleen will begin aspects of the set up around 3 PM on Friday, April 21. FIEC members have been asked to report to the town hall on Saturday, April 22 at 8 AM. The tables (6 or so) will be put up for sign up registration, refreshments, cleaning supplies, the Center for Inland Bays, Marine Education, Rescue, and Research, and possibly for the Pine Wilt and the feral cat problem. Colleen has done much publicity notification involving the town's visual message board (VMB), signage on the town hall, news blurbs in the Dispatch, Coastal Point, FISH, and the Wave (but no response as of April 13); a tentative agreement with the Sands Motel to advertise the event on their (Sands) sign. BJ Van Kavelaar offered the suggestion of notifying WBOC to see if they'd do a fly over during the cleanup time frame as they are very community oriented. Colleen will email WBOC to see if they'd be interested.

**Canals:** Alex Daly reported that the town council has more questions pertaining to our request for determining the sediment build up in our canals. In particular, what is the DNREC's posture in financially assisting FI in canal dredging, what is DNREC's position and attitude in addressing the Assawoman Bay sediment build up, and what would the cost be for sediment removal in FI canals. The third question has been addressed previously as the cost would be a function of the volume of material to be dredged with the limits being the elevation of existing silt build up and the elevation of proposed channel bottom.

**Dune Grass:** The town had a dune grass planting event on March 18. The vehicle that transported the dune grass bogged down so much of the grass did not make it north of Atlantic Street. Colleen did say, however, that some of the dune grass made it to Lewes Street and was planted in a relatively easy installation process.

**New Business:** There was none presented during this session..

The next meeting of the FIEC is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 3:15. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

David Van Kavelaar