

## Fenwick Island Environmental Committee (FIEC) Meeting

January 11, 2018

**Committee Members Present:** Mary Ellen Langan, Buzz Henifin, Betsy Henifin, Roy Williams, Colleen Wilson, David Van Kavelaar

**Town Representatives Present:** Pat Schuchman, Linda Martin, Dean Gray

**Call to Order:** Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 2:34 and the Pledge of Allegiance was spoken by all. Pat Schuchman introduced Dean Gary, Fenwick Island's accountant, to the FIEC.

**Approval of Minutes:** A draft of the November 2017 minutes was emailed to members on November 18 for comments, errors, and corrections. With one correction made (Kyle), the minutes of the November 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Earth Day:** The discussion of a new banner, originally suggested at the May 2017 meeting, was resurrected and it was decided to get pricing on a 20 ft x (4 ft or 5 ft) = (80 or 100) sq ft. banner. Although this item may deplete our funding from the town council, Colleen suggested providing a small gift of appreciation for participants of the Earth Day clean up. Suggestions were made as to who could furnish these items. Dixie Decoration, Ad Art in Georgetown, and Phillips Signs in Selbyville were mentioned. Pat will contact Craig Pheifer for his input also. Dean Gray suggested we give seed packets to the clean-up volunteers and all agreed that the idea was appropriate for the Earth Day event and that the cost would be minimal. Betsy has offered to find a provider of flower seed packets as a follow up to Dean's suggestion. When estimates for the banner or flag and seed are received, FIEC members will select providers and the dollar amount for the banner/flag and seed packets would be known. Mary Ellen could then approach the town council with our funding request. It was also brought up to invite environmentally focused groups to participate on Earth Day also. Buzz will contact the CIB (Center for Inland Bays) folks to see if they would wish to set up a display like last year and MERR (Marine Education, Rescue, and Research) personnel will be contacted also. Earth Day in Fenwick is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 with a rain date of Sunday, April 22 in the early afternoon.

**Diseased Trees:** Mary Ellen will survey the bayside properties in the coming weeks for trees displaying pine wilt and the FIEC will have a handle on the magnitude of locally diseased trees. There is a diseased tree near Roy's home that is to be taken down in a joint venture with Verizon and Delmarva Power.

**Dredging:** An ACT (Association of Coastal Towns) meeting will be held at the Lewes Town Hall on Friday, January 19 at 10:00 AM. The main topic of discussion will address concerns as to dredging but it is certain that citizen's opposition to offshore drilling will surface.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mary Ellen said Chris Bason of CIB will attend a FIEC meeting in the future to discuss storm water best management practices. Mary Ellen also informed the committee that the Board of Ocean Energy Management is having an open house to present info on off shore drilling and to answer any questions from those attending. The open house is being held on Thursday, January 18 from 3 PM to 7 PM at the Holiday Inn on Rt. 13 in Dover.

The next meeting of the FIEC is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2017 at 2:30.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34.

Respectfully submitted,

David Van Kavelaar