

**Fenwick Island Environmental Committee (FIEC) Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2018**

Committee Members Present:

Mary Ellen Langan, Buzz Henefin, Betsy Henefin, Roy Williams, Andrew Adkins, Virginia Childers-Davidson, Colleen Wilson

Town Representatives Present:

Terry Tieman, Linda Martin

Guest:

Debbie Pfeil, KCI Technologies

Call to Order:

Mary Ellen Called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion Notes:

The committee reviewed the discussion notes from the February 8, 2018 meeting (quorum was not present for an official committee meeting).

Earth Day:

Earth Day will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 9:00-11:30 am, rain or shine. If the weather permits, it will be set up outside of Town Hall.

Banner-Mary Ellen ordered the banner from Phillips Signs. It will have the Town seal and an Earth Day symbol with hands surrounding each image and the words "Fenwick Island (Celebrates) Earth Day". A mock-up of the banner will be sent for review. The banner will be hung on the outside of Town Hall.

Giveaways-There is money left over from the banner for Earth Day participant giveaways. Several bags are left over from previous events. Seed packets will also be purchased. Debbie Pfeil (KCI Technologies) researched prices with Dollar General having the best deal (4 packets/\$1.00). Colleen and Mary Ellen will look into this.

Vendors-Several vendors have agreed to or will be asked to participate with a table/display including KCI Technologies, MERR, Center for Inland Bays, Sea Grant Foundation, and DNREC.

Door Prizes-Businesses will be asked to donate door prizes that will be awarded to lucky participants at the end of the morning. KCI Technologies will donate to this cause. Mary Ellen will compile a list of potential donors and assign committee members to solicit door prizes from them.

Publicity-Debbie Pfeil (KCI Technologies) shared several designs for placemats/posters/flyers that can be used to advertise Earth Day. Local businesses will be asked to distribute these or post them in their windows. Debbie also offered to make a large poster thanking the businesses that helped sponsor this event.

The Fenwick Island website, electronic sign and local papers will also be utilized for advertising the Earth Day event.

Other Items-

Richard Mais will be asked to contribute coffee and breakfast items from McCabe's Gourmet Market. Gloves/water will be provided by the Town.

Litter bags will be donated by Virginia (Sea Shell City).

Litter pickup assignments will be developed by Buzz Henefin. This year the unincorporated section of Fenwick will be included.

Old Business:

Dune grass planting will take place on Saturday, March 17, 2018 beginning at 9:00 am in the Fenwick Island State Park.

The deadline for comments to BOEM concerning oil and gas drilling is Friday, March 9, 2018.

New Business:

Mayor Langan asked the committee to consider Fenwick Island joining the Climate Mayors (200 cities and towns) that are pledging to respect and honor the goals of the Paris Agreement and are against the repeal of the clean power plan. Discussion followed. The decision was to table it at this time and do more research on the topic.

Buzz shared information on Delaware Interfaith Power and Light which is an initiative helping to protect the environment.

Richard Mais, Fenwick Island Council Member, has been asked to sit on the Board of the Center for Inland Bays as the SCAT (Sussex County Association of Towns) liaison.

The next FIEC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 3:30 pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.