

## Fenwick Island Environmental Committee (FIEC) Meeting

August 9, 2018

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

**Town Representatives Present:** Teresa Tieman, Linda Martin

**Guests:** Debbie Micsky, Barefoot Gardeners

**Call to Order:** Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 2:41 and the Pledge of Allegiance was spoken by all.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 10, 2018 were approved as prepared.

**Dredging/Environmental Committee Meeting of June 15, 2018:** The minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were not available at this time. There is a meeting slated for Monday, August 13, where DNREC's Tony Pratt is providing to the dredging committee an estimate to undertake dredging operations of the bay. Other committee questions and concerns will be addressed.

**Plastic Straws:** Mary Ellen welcomes all suggestions on how to entice Fenwick's food service entities to get on board with providing paper straws to their customers. Virginia suggested small posters discouraging plastic straw usage be provided for placement in local eateries and kitchens.

**Old Business:** We (FIEC) were to handle emptying the butt receptacles at the beach entrances, town hall, and park on our own; however, no butt containers have been emptied by us this summer. Mary Ellen will handle the (4) receptacles from Atlantic to Dagsboro Streets, Dave will empty the (4) receptacles from Essex to Houston, and Colleen will take care of the (4) receptacles from Indian to Lewes.

**New Business:** Coastal Clean-up Day is slated for Saturday, September 15, with an emphasis on enticing groups and organizations to "Adopt a Beach". We understand Debbie Micsky of the Barefoot Gardeners has 22 volunteers for their DNREC determined beach cleanup assignment from Atlantic Street to the Farmington/Georgetown Street area. Mary Ellen suggested having the Barefoot Gardeners join our Earth Day venture next April.

In an article in "The Guardian" publication, "Climate change study predicts staggering impact of swelling oceans on coastal communities within next 30 years". On page 3 of the hand out, first paragraph, "The oceans are rising by about 3 mm (1/8 inch) a year due to thermal expansion....". So, in 30 years, oceans will have risen 4 inches and wreak havoc in coastal communities? Just asking.

The next meeting of the FIEC is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 2:30. Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23.

It has been a pleasure to serve with you on the FIEC. I had fun working with you. Blessings to all!

Respectfully submitted,

David Van Kavelaar