

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 22, 2019**

**MINUTES**

In Attendance

Mary Ellen Langan, Sally Craig, Virginia Childers-Davidson, Betsy Henifin, Buzz Henifin, Colleen Sanford, Roy Williams, Colleen Wilson, Terry Tieman, Linda Martin

Absent

Alex Daly, Amy Kyle

Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Colleen Wilson, seconded by Buzz, to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Earth Day

Giveaways were discussed, with all committee members in agreement of the lunch bags and cups. Terry noted that \$300 is budgeted for Earth Day expenses. Linda will check on pricing of the bags from LogoMotive, since they are a local company.

At the end of March, committee members will visit businesses for raffle prizes.

Virginia will again provide the trash bags for the Earth Day cleanup.

Debbie Pfeil from KCI will provide the flyers, sponsor two raffle prizes, make the sponsor poster, and will have an informational table at the event.

As for the vendors, MERR and the Town (CRS outreach) will be present. The Center for Inland Bays, Plastic Free Delaware, and the American Littoral Society will also be invited. Buzz will contact the Center for Inland Bays while Mary Ellen will contact the Plastic Free Delaware and the American Littoral Society.

Mary Ellen will contact Richard Mais and ask him to provide the refreshments.

Colleen Wilson will contact the local newspapers for advertisement of the event. Terry noted that the event will also be advertised on the Town's website along with the Town's Facebook page. Roy suggested contacting Amy Kyle to put an advertisement in the F.I.S.H. Newsletter as well. The Earth Day banner will be displayed in March, prior to the Ocean City St. Patrick's Day Parade which is to be held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Colleen Sanford suggested distributing flyers to local businesses as well as businesses in Ocean City (mentioned was the Sun and Surf Cinema). Colleen Wilson suggested contacting the Sands to advertise on their marquee about the Earth Day cleanup. Terry will have Pat Schuchman contact the owner.

Barbara Shamp from the Environment Committee of the 38<sup>th</sup> District Democrats has agreed to coordinate with the Town and will be conducting an Earth Day cleanup along Route 54 on the same day as our event (April 20<sup>th</sup>).

### Old Business

Mary Ellen noted that she would like to be the first town in Delaware to ban plastic straws. Colleen Wilson suggested talking to the business community for their opinion. Mary Ellen will contact Tim Collins. Terry questioned if it would have to be done through an ordinance. Mary Ellen answered yes, and she will talk to Bill Weistling to have it discussed at a future Charter & Ordinance Committee Meeting. Roy suggested contacting restaurants for their opinion prior to any changes being made.

Mary Ellen recently attended a meeting with Oceana, which noted nothing had been received in D.C. for seismic testing. As soon as the leases are released, there will be a 90-day objection period to oppose the seismic testing. Ocean City and the Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce will be conducting a meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at the Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City in regards to seismic testing.

Mary Ellen will draft a letter in regards to the removal of dead trees on properties. She asked Linda to mail them out to the residents.

Roy found that the Omar Recycling Center (off of Route 20) has a battery disposal free of charge. Virginia added that there will be a hazardous waste drop-off on March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Fenwick Island State Park. Terry commented that she will have both the recycling center and hazardous waste put on the Town's website.

### New Business

None.

### Date of Next Meeting

Mary Ellen scheduled the next two meetings: March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 PM and April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Colleen Wilson, seconded by Buzz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:21 PM.