

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MARCH 21, 2019**

MINUTES

In Attendance

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

Absent

Colleen Sanford

Mary Ellen called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sally, seconded by Alex, to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Earth Day

Virginia commented that St. Matthew's usually advertises the Earth Day event in their flyer. Sally will contact them about advertising the event.

Amy confirmed that she will advertise the event in the F.I.S.H. newsletter. Colleen added that she has already contacted The Wave, The Dispatch and Coastal Point for their advertisement of the event.

Mary Ellen will be picking up the gift bags and thank you notes.

Mary Ellen asked Buzz to contact the Center for Inland Bays as well as MERR. Mary Ellen will contact Plastic Free Delaware and the American Littoral Society to invite them.

Amy suggested producing a flyer in regards to seismic testing to be distributed on Earth Day.

Old Business

Mary Ellen noted that she recently attended the meeting in Ocean City on seismic testing. She sent a link to everyone on a video to view. As a suggestion, the video could also be displayed at the Earth Day event.

Mary Ellen asked everyone for their thoughts on asking Council to forward to Charter & Ordinance Committee an ordinance to ban plastic straws and also the deliberate release of balloons. Roy suggested that we obtain input from restaurants first. Amy noted that in certain cases straws are used for medicinal purposes, so that would have to be added to the ordinance. Alex agreed with Roy about talking to the businesses first. As for the balloon release, Alex questioned how that would be enforced since he does not think it is a big problem in Fenwick Island. Mary Ellen will hold off approaching the Town Council about the ordinance until input from the restaurants is received.

New Business

Amy suggested that the Committee look into composting since it is good for the environment. Terry mentioned that DNREC put out a flyer in regards to an available compost bin, and the flyer is available on the website as well as at Town Hall.

Virginia mentioned that through the Delmarva Power website, you can get a free tree. Look for the Arbor Day link on the Delmarva Power website.

Alex reminded everyone of the shredding and hazardous waste event on March 30th at the State Park.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 11th at 2:30 PM. The focus of that meeting will be Earth Day.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Alex, seconded by Sally, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.