

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2019**

MINUTES

In Attendance

Mary Ellen Langan, Alex Daly, Amy Kyle, Colleen Sanford, Roy Williams, Colleen Wilson, Terry Tieman, Linda Martin

Absent

Sally Craig, Virginia Childers-Davidson, Betsy Henifin, Buzz Henifin

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Colleen Wilson, seconded by Alex, to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Earth Day

Mary Ellen commented that she was pleased with the turnout for the Earth Day Clean-Up despite of the weather and being the Easter weekend. She thanked the entire Committee for their help.

The business community donations were also appreciated. They will be thanked at the Town Council Meeting tomorrow along with each Committee member sending out “thank you” cards to the businesses that they received door prizes from (blank cards available at the end of the meeting).

Colleen Wilson noted that there were fewer cigarette butts and fewer bags this year.

Colleen Sanford suggested that next year we increase the advertising of the event, especially to the business community. She noted that one of the owners who donated a door prize was not happy that she was not informed sooner about Earth Day.

As for the displays, Colleen Wilson commented that she thought the KCI display was very beneficial but was disappointed that we did not have more displays. Suggestions were also made for next year’s event to include: besides a clean-up add other events to celebrate Earth Day such as plant a tree, clean up the gardens, etc.; partner with local schools to participate in the event and conduct a poster contest for the students with a prize for the best poster.

Other Business

Roy mentioned while he was at Jimmy’s Grille obtaining the door prize, the owner was not in favor of the Town trying to eliminate plastic straws. The owner currently uses bio-degradable straws.

Mary Ellen announced that the Surfriders of Ocean City will be conducting “Hands Across the Beach” on May 18th at 11:30 AM at the DE/MD line to show solidarity against seismic testing and offshore drilling.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 29th at 2:30 PM. KCI will be presenting the results of the sustainability study and will be discussing the next steps.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Alex, seconded by Roy, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:11 PM.