

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

MINUTES

In Attendance

Mary Ellen Langan, Susan Brennan, Sally Craig, Colleen Sanford, Terry Tieman, Linda Martin

Absent

Alex Daly, Nancy Merritt

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Colleen, seconded by Sally, to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Earth Day

The Earth Day event will be held on April 18, 2020. Mary Ellen suggested that vendors be contacted in March to see if they can attend. Those to be contacted are Center for Inland Bays, MERR, Oceana, and Delaware Coastal Trust.

Mary Ellen called Coastal Point about advertising the Earth Day event. The cost for ¼ page is \$177 for 2 weeks. Coastal Point also suggested scheduling an interview with one of their reporters to promote the event.

Flyers will be distributed to businesses to hang in their windows. Other suggestions for promotion of the event is to advertise the event in the FISH Newsletter, advertise in other nearby communities (such as Bayside), put the flyer on the Harris Teeter bulletin board, put the event on NextDoor.com, and hand out flyers at the hazardous waste drop-off, which will be held on March 28th.

For the trash bags to pick up the trash, Mary Ellen agreed to purchasing the recycled bags that Linda found on Amazon.com.

For the giveaways, Mary Ellen found that the recycled grocery bags were produced by RWM in Smyrna. She thinks the cost was between \$1-\$2 per bag. For the print on the bag, everyone agreed to put the Town seal and "Earth Day" under the seal.

Donations to businesses will be conducted in early April. Colleen suggested informing the Business Development Committee at their next meeting about the event, and possibly ask the businesses if they would be willing to offer 10% off a purchase in lieu of donating an item. Mary Ellen will check with Tim Collins on when the next meeting will be held.

Old Business

Mary Ellen reported that the tree letters went out this week to those residents who have diseased trees.

Colleen asked if dune grass planting was scheduled in Fenwick Island. Susan replied that she contacted DNREC who informed her that Fenwick Island is not scheduled for this year. Susan did find out that dune grass planting in Kings Grant will be done on March 21st if anyone is interested in helping plant grass there.

Colleen questioned if there were any updates on the Sustainability Study. Mary Ellen reported that it was approved and a final copy has been distributed. Terry noted that the top concern from the study should be back bay flooding.

New Business

Mary Ellen noted that beginning this summer, the Committee will begin working on projects from the Sustainability Plan.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 12, 2020 at 2:30 PM.

Adjournment

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