

## VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2023

Via Zoom

Present: Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lieber, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe, Judy Steinman, Emily Wicks. Guests: Dawn Hargraves and Jill Weinstein

1. **Tree Legislation.** BJ discussed the sample tree legislation from three communities that were circulated. Members should review the legislation and ascertain what components should be included in the OB legislation.

**Action:** All members to review and provide comments to BJ by Feb 28, 2023. BJ to prepare a summary of comments.

2. **Beach Management.** JW discussed Dune Fence Day which takes place the second week of May. The installation is very physical, lots of manual labor with heavy rolls of dune fence that need to be moved. The lifeguards work with the Village employees to install dune fencing. Discussion of the role of VOBEC. Both VOBEC and Lifeguards included cost of dune fencing in their respective budgets.

**Action:** CG to communicate with the Village to clarify where dune fencing appears in the budget.

3. **Recycling Bins.** DH has the latest recycling bin proposal from the Chamber of Commerce. DH will follow up on what happened to the nicer cans proposed last year by Scott Hirsch.

4. **LWRP.** DH stated that she received comments from JS, DJL, and LL. DH agreed to finalize a summary of those comments and get back to us for further review and discussion.

5. **OBYG:** EW discusses status of collaboration. The OBYG program will run for 8 weeks (Thursdays from 1-2 PM) and will be focused on composting. The camp will purchase composting units.

6. **Oyster Shell Recycling.** DLL reports that Matthew's and Maguire's are both interested in participating. Discussion regarding centralizing the effort.

**Action:** CG and DLL to meet with Maureen Dunn on March 3.

- 7. Giveaway Items.** Discussions regarding collaboration with OBA. Seed packet giveaway, purchase more bags, possibly battery recycling container.

**Action:** CG to order bags and look for battery recycling container.  
EW will prepare artwork for seed packets.

- 8. Spring Newsletter.** All agree the topic of the Spring Newsletter will be a discussion of the various migratory paths that cross Fire Island.

**Action:** DJL will draft article on the migratory path of sea life.  
LL will draft an article on the lights-out initiative.  
CG will draft an article summarizing NYT article.  
BJ will draft an article on the migratory path of piping plover.  
CG will draft an article on the migratory path of monarch butterflies.

- 9. Recycling Coordinator Grant.** No update.

- 10. Topics for OBA meeting.** Discussion of topics to be discussed.

- 11. Electronics Recycling:** JS working on it.

- 12. Meeting.** The next meeting shall be March 21, 2023, 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Camille Guigliano