

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2023

Windswept

Present: Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lieber, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe, Judy Steinman, Emily Wicks (by phone).

1. **OBYG Collaboration.** EW reports that 17 August works for a field trip to Saltaire to see their community composting program. It was decided to create a game for last session on 10 August, using the app Kahoot. This could be a contest where the winner would receive a gift certificate supplied by the OBA.

Action: All members to submit five questions for the game.

EW will create the game on Kahoot.

2. **EAD Rebroadcast.** Clearance for rebroadcast received from Dr. Camhi. Potential dates discussed: 26, 27 August or 2, 3 September.

Action: EW will edit recording.

CG will follow up on dates.

3. **Tree Legislation.** Need input on list of shrubs.

Action: LL will review list.

4. **Tick treatment proposed by B. Chenault.** DJL reports that the chemical proposed has been pulled from the market and replaced by a greener alternative. No proven benefits. Also, these products are not recommended for use by individuals.

Action: DJL will draft a response to B Chenault.

5. **Website.** BJ to update.

6. **Oyster Shell Recovery.** Reception to be attended by CG and JD on August 10.

7. **Beach Management.** DJL to update.

8. **Black Mulch.** No clear answer. It depends on the specific type of mulch.

9. **Flora and Fauna Page.** Discussion on using page for more active Q and A. It was decided that post discussion of tick product and black mulch can be posted on this page.

10. Wind Farm EAD. We are considering a Zoom meeting on a Friday around the noon hour.

Action: DJL will work with NYSERDA to determine a date.

11. Waterwise Check Up. We need to determine next steps.

Action: CG and DLL will schedule a meeting with JD to discuss this and other issues.

12. Plant a tree day. We determined that Arbor Day is Friday, 26 April in 2024. This seems to be a good day for this event and so will be our target date. We need to look at grants for trees. Kathy Roberts is a citizen-volunteer to is eager to help out with this.

Action: DLL to follow up on getting free trees for this event.

13. Meeting. The next meeting shall be 21 August, 2023, 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano