

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2025

Present: Sage Block, Camille Giugliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lipsky, Emily Wicks, Lisa Lowe, Griffin Pollak

1. **Minutes.** Minutes for June 22 meeting were not approved as updates were needed.
Action: DL/LL to review June 22 minutes.
2. **Newsletter.** Need articles for newsletter – suggested topics, highlights of EAD meeting, oyster shell collection from restaurants, VOB annual water quality statement and where to find information on beach water quality.
3. **EAD.** Discussed logistical requirements and assigned roles for EAD Meeting with STGSB scheduled for July 11th at 7:00 at Windswept and pre-event dinner.
Action: BJ shopping table clothes ice bucket water jugs
CG donation from liquor store
EW one more round of emails to advertise
4. **Website.**
Action: BJ will review existing and assign VOBEC members to update as needed.
5. **LWRP.** No updates from Village.
6. **Beach Management.** No updates from Kevin Schilling (KS) or Joe Difrancisco.
7. **Natural Resource Inventory.** CG suggested adding a piece on why the inventory is important to the newsletter.
Action:
SB to go to NYC parks event to learn how Parks does their tree inventory and how they use the app.
SB to prepare questionnaire that will determine if residents would give permission to allow a survey on their property.
SB to prepare form for those residents who volunteer to conduct their own survey.

8. Community Composting. CG is continuing to work with the Village to determine best location. Agreed to start with 25 residential composting bins.

Actions:

GP will prepare stickers that can be placed on the home composting buckets.

BJ will work with Village to determine how much to charge and how to collect.

9. Recycling Containers. Containers have arrived. Waiting for containers to be installed by VOB Business District.

Action: LL to send note to KS about battery recycle container being used for general disposal of trash due to lack of an appropriate cover.

10. Instagram Account.

Actions: LL to prepare summary on mosquitos.

11. Oyster Shell recycling. Seven participating restaurants, Last Wednesday all three yellow barrels had shells.

12. Enforcement of Tree legislation. Not discussed

13. Dune Day. Beach grass on Bungalow in bad shape.

Action: Need to conduct a condition assessment of beach grass in other areas of VOB.

14. OBYG Collab. Status OBYG not doing oyster garden program this year. BJ to discuss with Robyn Sylvestri.

15. Beach Cleanup.

Action: DL and CG to meet to see what additional supplies are needed from Ocean Conservancy and to order the supplies.

16. FINS Bayside Workshop. BJ debrief: FINS program trying to develop bayside management plan for entire beach. FINS has 4-year grant to develop program. Will be reaching out to obtain input from people once or twice a year. Saltaire and POW have plans for resilient shorelines.

Next meeting. July 20th, 10 a.m. Windswept