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**VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

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Present: Sage Block, Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe, Emily Wicks, Griffin Pollack, Allison Allen, Joe DiFrancisco

**Minutes.** DL to complete minutes for Oct. 14 and Oct. 28. Action: SB to take over minutes for 6 months.

**Newsletter** - Fall Newsletter went out right after Dune Day. EW mentioned doing a year in review in January with photos from events.

**Website.** Action: All members continue to conduct annual website reviews.

**NRI** - No update. Action: GP and SB to discuss NRI data feasibility and implementation. SB and EW to post more about NRI on Instagram.

**Community Composting.** Action: EW to close composting google form and check VOBEC email for any forms recently submitted.

**Instagram.** SB and EW to brainstorm more ideas. Just posted Dune Day. Action: Post about FIA review of the Robert Moses Causeway bridge.

**OBA purchase of VOBEC branded merchandise.** SB to check with Sara Rubenstein about payment status. VOBEC sent in money for merchandise.

**Dune Day.** Successful for 2025. Consider reaching out to restaurants for free drink tickets next year to encourage participation. Action: JD to discuss building snow fencing on the dunes and increased watering of beach grass in the Spring with Kevin Schelling.

**Beach Management Plan.** VOBEC discussed that The Board of Trustees should decide on a beach management plan, from infrastructure to maintenance and vehicular issues on the beach. Action: DL will create an outline of a presentation for BoT and Kevin Schelling, BJ to help with research on Dune Fencing.

**NYSACC Coastal Resiliency on Long Island.** VOBEC discussed thoughts on the Coastal Resiliency Network. Action: SB to look into the FINS project for the Great South Bay, and the Patchogue living shorelines project.

**Enforcement of tree legislation.** VOBEC to push more education and outreach on tree legislation. Action: JD to check on the status of landscaping plans for properties where trees were removed.

**In person meeting in December.** The next meeting will be December 17th at 7PM hybrid. Action: BJ to draft budget and all members consider budget items for next year.

**MSWAB Guest Conversation about Composting.** Allison Allen from MSWAB joined VOBEC to discuss creating a more robust seasonal composting program for Ocean Beach.