

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Windswept

Present: Sage Block, Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe, Emily Wicks.

1. **Minutes.** Minutes from the June 24, 2024 meeting were approved and will be forwarded to the Village.
2. **Membership.** Bob Stack, Kathy Roberts, Griffin Pollack all expressed interest. There was a suggestion to request a statement of qualifications, with interviews to be scheduled in August.

Action: CG to request a statement of qualifications.

3. **Website Review.** CG reported that Peter Green is no longer interested in updating the website. There was a discussion regarding alternatives. EW/SB agreed to spearhead effort to switch to different service.

Action: EW/SB to prepare a spread sheet discussing pros and cons of different providers.

4. **Newsletter.** All articles to be edited before placement in the Newsletter.

Action: All to review articles by DL and BJ.
CG to draft introduction.

5. **Oyster Shell Collection.** CG reports pails have been ordered and labelled. Collection to begin this week.

Action: CG to reach out to Jen Moritz and Jon Randazzo to discuss point person.

6. **EAD Topic.** Location was again discussed. Windswept was agreed to. The proposed ad was discussed, revisions to be made.

Action: EW/SB will revise ad.
CG will post virtual ad to Fire Island News.
CG will work with Fire Island News to proceed with print ad.

7. **OBYG.** Need to pick one topic to discuss, and all agreed on composting. Three activities discussed. Cahoots, sorting race, science discussion. Possible date to be proposed was July 29, 2024. Discussion of water bottle refilling station for camp.

Action: EW to discuss date and activities with the Camp.
CG will have a call with Patty Brahe and Kevin Schilling regarding a water bottle refilling station.
BJ will circulate old memo on refilling station.

8. **LWRP.** LL circulated draft letter. Discussion regarding the role of VOBEC. Decision was reached to send an email to the Village.

Action. CG to incorporate suggested revisions and send to the Village.

9. **Beach Management.** Nothing new to report, DL wants to schedule a meeting with JD.

Action: DL will prepare a list of questions for JD to ask KS and GH.

10. **Village Newsletter.** CG raised changes to recycling rules as well as discussions with JD and MS regarding changes to the rules.

11. **Natural Resource Inventory.** Nothing new to report.

Action: SB to continue setting up the map of OB and gather additional info regarding purchase of a program.

12. **Recycling Coordinator.** No update.

13. **Climate Smart Community.** No update.

Action: JD to forward draft Resolution to the Mayor/Board with the intention of getting it passed.

14. **Community Composting.** CG noted that there has been interest expressed in the community in setting up a community compost station. CG proposed a mail chimp survey to determine overall community interest in this type of project.

Action: EW to prepare survey to assess interest in this.

15. **Beach Cleanup.** We still need to determine who will be the point person for this project going forward.

Action: CG to discuss transition and next steps with David Lieber.

16. **Banners.** BJ has gotten banners from David Lieber.

Action: EW to review banners and determine what is needed.

17. **VOBEC Responsibilities Memo.** CG has circulated memo.

Action: All to review.

18. **Meeting.** The next meeting shall be Saturday, July 20, 2024, 3:00 p.m. at Windswept or Wicks' back deck.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano

