

VOBEC Meeting Minutes

09/25/25

Zoom Meeting

Present: Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobowitz, David Lipsky, Griffin Pollak, Emily Wicks (Sage Block and Lisa Lowe unavailable)

Minutes: A collection of draft minutes from several of the prior meetings had been sent for VOBEC review during August. A very rough draft of the 9/8 meeting was sent out on 9/25. BJ indicated that none of the past draft minutes could be approved due to inconsistencies in style and format, and uncertainties or questions about specific statements and action items. There was agreement that draft minutes had to be distributed on a timely basis.

Action: DL/LL to provide draft meeting minutes with goal of a lag time of no more than 3 days. Need to discuss further how the prior tranche of draft minutes will undergo final review and approval.

Fall Newsletter: Proposed theme is "Protecting the Environment".

Action: SB to write piece on NRI; DL on Apps for identifying birds; GP on vegetation

VOBEC Website:

Action: Everyone needs to review their assignments for website update/review by next meeting.

LWRP: No change.

NRI: Only one homeowner has signed up to utilize or allow VOBEC to utilize the NRI app that SB and GP are developing.

EAD 2026: No change.

Notes from the Beach: There has been no action or decision on the proposed article that CG composed last month for posting on NTFB about marine animal sightings. There was discussion on how to proceed.

Action: Tabled

Community Composting: To date, a total of 4 people have been on-boarded for the CC effort and provided with tabletop composting buckets. Stickers are on the tabletop buckets. CG has possession of the remaining stickers.

Action: CG to rotate composting drum on occasion while out on the Island. We haven't resolved who will take responsibility for rotating the drums during the off season or whether that is even necessary.

Instagram: Post pictures and information on the ICC Coastal Cleanup on Instagram. Consider including posting on VOB clothing and food drives.

Action: EW to take lead on Instagram posting.

Oyster Shell Recovery: Maguires has continued to participate with OSR into the post-season. CG discussed some of the problems in implementation and communication with some of the other restaurateurs. Half Shells for Habitat has confirmed that they find the amount of shells we are contributing to be worthwhile. DL suggested that it might make sense to write a memo outlining some of the problems encountered this year with the goal of improving the participation level next year. All agree memo unnecessary.

Action: We will have an in-person brain-storming session at the beginning of next year to try to increase the number of shells we contribute.

OBA Shirts: Discussed all the options and agreed on the best design. GP stated that our choices might exceed the agreed amount that OBA had agreed to. We all agreed that we should move forward, and each of us would contribute to the shortfall

Action: GP to move forward with the choices. BJ to send the invoice to Maria at OBA.

Tree legislation: No change.

Dune Day: DL discussed advice provided by the Army Corps of Engineers and NY Sea Grant on beach grass and snow fencing design and contract requirements. Both recommend planting bare root culms in early spring when plants are fully dormant. However, VOBEC members thought it might be difficult to get volunteers to help with planting in early March and that early November preferable to March. In 2023, we paid \$5000 for 100 trays of 50 dual plant plugs/tray each, and another ~\$2400 in labor.

Action: BJ to discuss with JD, procurement of perhaps 4000 plugs for Nov. 2nd Dune Day event.

ICC Beach Cleanup: DL and CG distributed ICC info to community coordinators and put up posters and banners in VOB. Good participation in Seaview, OBP, POW, and Summer Club. VOB had a better turnout than last year. We used the buckets from the "Buckets on the Beach" program to collect trash in these containers rather than plastic bags.

Action: DL to tally up and summarize the trash survey data on a spreadsheet and distribute to ICC and internally, for use in VOBEC social media, newsletter, etc.

Next Meeting: October 14, 7 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
David Lipsky and Lisa Lowe

Attachment A-Website

Home page - Beth

About VOBEC - All take a look at bios to see if changes needed.

minutes update list - Em and Sage

funding - Beth

Areas of focus

Animal management - Beth

The Beach - Griffin

Fishing - David

Insect Management - Lisa

Long Island Wind Farm - David

Noise - David

Off Shore Drilling- Beth

Pharmaceutical Disposal - Lisa

Solid waste management Camille - add composting

Tree Protection - Beth add NRI

Events

Dune Day - David

Plant Swap - Lisa

Accomplishments

EAD - -Beth

Beach Clean Up - David

Oyster Shell - Camille

Dune Day - David