

VOBEC Meeting Minutes September 8, 2025
Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM

Present: Sage Block, Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe (joined at 7:40), Griffin Pollak, Emily Wicks

Minutes: Minutes for July 20, August 3, and August 30 could not be opened and reviewed by VOBEC due to problem with the iCloud.

Action: Everyone is to review and comment on these minutes by our next meeting.

Newsletter: Summer newsletter sent distributed. We discussed ideas for the next newsletter. Ideas included hurricane preparedness & useful bird, tree, vegetation identification apps.

Website Topics: BJ suggested a list of assignments for the review and updating of the website. This list was posted on the VOBEC Website Update Shared Drive. GP demonstrated the shared drive he has created to maintain any updated information for the website.

Action: Everyone should complete their assigned topics by our next meeting.

LWRP: No change.

Beach Management: No change.

Natural Resource Inventory: No one has signed up to self-report trees/shrubs, nor requested assistance from VOBEC on completing tree inventory using SB's app.

Action: SB to post NRI sign-up flyer on social media.

SB & GP to discuss possible photo uploads.

EAD Planning: Speakers have been identified and will be approached over the winter to determine a date.

Communication: In a talk that BJ/CG attended in Saltaire, the speakers discussed an app that can be used to identify wildlife in our surrounding waters. It was suggested that we communicate this to the community by creating a flyer that can be posted in the next Notes from the Beach.

Action: CG to generate flyer about this program. BJ to forward it to Maria Silsdorf for publication in the next Notes from the Beach.

Community Composting Initiative: Two residents have been onboarded as of this meeting. At least one person will be onboarded on Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Oyster Shell Recovery: Program is winding down. Matthews and Maguires were the two restaurants that participated consistently this year. The Hideaway and The Dive discontinued for different reasons, the remaining restaurants contributed inconsistently.

Action: CG will continue to monitor the situation and look for ways to improve next season.

Branded Merchandise: GP has been working on logo development and various options for T-shirts and ballcaps.

Action: GP/SB will continue to finalize details and costs.

Dune Day: DL conducted a condition survey with photographs depicting disparate areas where the dune grass seems not to be thriving. Some of the sand fencing near Wilmot in disrepair due to high tides and strong northeast winds.

Action: DL to contact the Army Corps of Engineers and NYSG to obtain specifications for beach grass and sand fencing. DL to contact JD on the number of flats of beach grass we should order.

ICC Beach Cleanup: Scheduled for Sept 20th at Cottage Walk from 11am-1pm. Most communities on board.

Action: DL and CG need to prepare packets to distribute to other community coordinators. DL to get color copies of 8 ½ x 11 posters printed at Village office and post around OB. DL and CG to put up the two VOB Coastal Cleanup Banners. CG to get permission from OBT to post banner in front of their property. DL to contact the Village office to order tables, chairs, and tent.

Next meeting: 20 September at Cottage Walk during the ICC Beach Cleanup.