

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

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

Missing: Dylan Fried

1. **Minutes.** December 22, 2024 minutes reviewed and approved.
2. **Membership.** BJ was approved as the VOBEC Chair during the January 11, 2025 Board of Trustee's (BOT) meeting. Although CG was named inadvertently named as Secretary at the meeting, DL and LL will share responsibility of Secretary as outlined in the December 22, 2024 meeting minutes.
3. **Membership Requirements.** Members are expected to attend all meetings. If they cannot attend, they need to let everyone know so we can see if the meeting date can be changed. Additionally, members are expected to respond and/or participate via email, text, or phone with regard to the various emails.
4. **Website Transition.** SB and EW met with Peter Green regarding the website transition. The transition has been completed and the finished product looks very professional.
5. **Newsletter.** DL provided a write up on trash collected as part of the 2024 beach cleanup. Write up to be included in the Newsletter. EW mailed the newsletter "Plastics in the Environmental to individuals on the VOBEC mailing list on January 28, 2025.
Action: All – we need ideas for the spring newsletter.
6. **Natural Resource Inventory.** SB has been making progress in using Arc GIS. She indicated that the Long Island Sierra Club might be interested in volunteering to assist in developing the natural resource inventory.
Action: SW to continue exploring with the Sierra Club.
7. **Climate Smart Community.** BJ will prepare presentation to the trustees on resolution.
8. **Community Composting.** Main issue is location.
Actions: CG to discuss possible locations with Joe DiFrancisco (JD).
EW/SB to scout out possible locations.
9. **Recycling Containers.**
Actions: SG to re-send information on recycling containers to VOBEC members.
All – provide comments and SG to resend memo to Chamber of Commerce (CoC)

10. **Oyster Shell Recycling Program Kick Off.** CG agreed to liaise with Diane and Moreen for the kick off.
11. **Plant Swap.** LL and DL volunteered to coordinate the plant swap.
Action: Will check tree availability on the NJDEP website.
12. **Monthly Activity Schedule.** BJ provided a monthly VOBEC activity schedule (see attached). Some activities involved all members (e.g., EAD); however, one member will act as the point person.
13. **EAD.** CG suggesting having someone from Surf Rider present data on the various coastal cleanups around Long Island.
14. **Next Meeting.** February 18, 2025, 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Lowe