

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2024, 10 a.m.

Via Zoom

Present: Sage Block, Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe and Emily Wicks. (Dylan Fried joined at the end of meeting)

1. **Minutes.** August 21, 2024 and September 21 (with revisions) both reviewed and approved.
2. **Membership.** Discussed possible membership of Dylan Fried; he will join meeting at the end.
3. **Beach Cleanup.** Ocean Beach had a low turnout; other communities did not. There was very little garbage collected on Ocean Beach, less than one small bag. DL has collated data. Next year we will advertise more, and consider using app.
Action: DL will transfer information to the Data Collection Form.
4. **Website Transition.** CG reports that Peter Green has been working on website transition. He will notify us when there is anything to review.
5. **Newsletter.** BJ needs to draft her article. CG will make changes to intro paragraph and DL will revise his plastics article as discussed. BJ asked about format of newsletter going forward, long articles versus short articles. SB points out that in most newsletter articles should be no longer than 200 words, with links to longer pieces.

Action: BJ to complete and circulate article.
CG and DL to revise their pieces.
All to consider shorter pieces with links.
6. **Oyster Shell Collection.** CG reported that Maureen Dunn and Charlie Weiss are on board for kickoff event early spring with restaurant owners to get plan in place sooner.

Action: Details of kickoff event to be discussed in January.
7. **LWRP.** No response from the Village.
8. **Beach Management.** Nothing new to report.
9. **OBYG.** Nothing new to report.
10. **Natural Resource Inventory.** SB getting a new computer shortly and will purchase program once she does. SB proposes that she work with program to figure out best practices before others gather info, anticipates beginning work on project in October.
11. **Climate Smart Community.** BJ provided Trustee Levine copy of climate smart proposal; he will forward to lawyers.
12. **Garbage Rules and Regulations.** Village is planning to review and revise recycling code.

Action: CG will reach out to JD to confirm VOBEC's participation in the revision of the garbage rules.

13. NYSACC Conference. SB reports that there was much discussion about climate smart community projects.

Action: SB will investigate getting a copy of presentation.

14. Community Composting. CG reports that Saltaire has a very different set up than POW and wants to get specifics on their system. CG has an email from last season with pictures of their set-up.

Action: CG will forward the composting email to all.

CG will continue to reach out to Saltaire for additional information on their system, and how it is working.

15. Recycling Containers. SB reports that a meeting is scheduled for November 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Action: EW will circulate previous discussions with CoC.

SB will prepare talking points for the meeting, including a query regarding practices at restaurants.

SB will forward invite to those interested in attending.

16. Instagram Account for VOBEC.

Action: EW and SB will create.

17. Recycling Coordinator. No update.

18. Banners. No update.

Action: EW will revise and recirculate.

19. Brush day. Nothing to report. JD enthusiastic, will follow up in January.

20. Dylan Fried joined meeting to discuss possible membership, commitment expectations, and availability.

Action: CG will forward a formal request for Dylan's membership to the Village.

21. Meeting. Next meeting November 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m. EST via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano

