

## VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

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

1. **Minutes.** Minutes from the June 4, 2024 meeting were approved and will be forwarded to the Village.
2. **Membership.** Bob Stack approached CG about joining VOBEC. EW spoke to Griffin Pollack about possibly joining.

**Action:** CG will interview Bob Stack. EW will follow up with Griffin Pollack.

3. **Website Review.** CG has arranged with the webmaster to do ad hoc revisions, in addition to the annual or semi-annual reviews. In preparation for the OBA meeting on 29 June, CG reformatted the recycling document, and gathered other documents to be uploaded.

**Action:** CG will forward approved documents to the web master for uploading onto the website prior to the OBA meeting.

4. **Newsletter.** CG received and forwarded the bios and the topic description from NYSEDA to members. Goal is to have the newsletter finalized and published prior to the EAD event on 28 July.

**Action:** DL will write on wind power.  
BJ will research the solar portion and draft article.

5. **Oyster Shell Collection.** CG has checked with all potential restaurants regarding their ability and interest in participating. It was determined that Matthews, Maguires, Castaway, and The Dunes will participate. Yellow barrels will be delivered Wednesday.

**Action:** CG will give JD specifications to order white pails for restaurant use.

6. **EAD Topic.** Date and speaker are confirmed. Location was again discussed. CG proposes paying \$200 for ¼ page ad in Fire Island News. Discussion regarding the usefulness of print advertising and possibility of attracting attendees from other communities. Decision reached to go forward with the ad.

**Action:** CG will confirm availability of possible locations.  
EW will prepare ad for Fire Island News.

7. **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.

8. **Recycling Bins.** There has been some discussion with CoC. Because of issues with the carter. CoC has asked to put off discussion of recycling bins until the fall.

**Action:** SB will continue to work with the CoC for resolution.

- 9. OBYG.** EW states Sophie Pollack would like a proposal from VOBEC on this year's collaboration. EW suggests we offer to come to camp one morning and meet with the different age groups for 30 minutes at a time. The topic should be limited to composting.

**Action:** EW will circulate proposal.

- 10. LWRP.** LL circulated draft letter to the Board. There was discussion regarding the role of VOBEC.

**Action.** LL to recirculate a clean draft to enable comments.

- 11. Natural Resource Inventory.** SB discusses purchasing ARC GIS program. The lowest level is for personal use, on one computer, and costs \$100. Discussion ensued regarding usefulness of ARC GIS. DL reports he has reached out to SBU. No success so far but will keep trying.

**Action:** DL to inquire about an intern to assist on this project.

DL will reach out to Sea Grant/Cornell extension.

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

JD will consider Village purchase of ARC GIS 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. Garbage Rule and Regulations.** Tabled until the Fall.

- 15. NYSERDA Conference.** SB agreed to become the new liaison. Post meeting note: after DL expressed interest, CG proposed DL act as back-up liaison.

- 16. Meeting.** The next meeting shall be on July 7, 2024 at 10 AM at Windswept.

Respectfully submitted,  
Camille Guigliano