

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

Via Zoom

Present: Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lieber, David Lipsky, Judy Steinman, Emily Wicks. Guests: Linda Stertz, Jill Weinstein

1. Guest Linda Stertz proposed that the Village use sustainability efforts at events such as the Labor Day pancake breakfast, July 4th ball field BBQ. Additionally, she proposes that the Fourth of July decorating contest have a category for sustainable decorating. Her concerns were taken under advisement. It was pointed out that the pancake breakfast and BBQ are sponsored by the Fire Department, and the house decorating is sponsored by the OBCF.
2. **EAD.** DJL has spoken to people from NYSERDA regarding potential speakers on wind farming. There is a strong interest, but their preference would be for a weekday event. Members believe a weekend event would be a preference. Possible dates were discussed, with the decision being reached of either August 26th or September 9th.

Action: DJL will reach out to the contact at NYSERDA regarding a weekend date.
CG will reserve both weekend dates.

3. **Website** BJ reviews proposed updates to the website, discussing sections to be revised by each member.

Action: Home Page Oysters – CG; EAD- BJ

Animal Management: Sharks – Jill; Marine Mammals – DJL

The Beach: Discussion of Beach Grass – BJ; Discussion of dune fence – DJL,

Recycling: General review – CG, LL; Price change on cans – BJ; Battery Hut – BJ

Tree Protection: Proposed legislation – BJ; Bugs – CG to review; 2006 photos – CG to investigate.

Events: EAD Update – BJ; Dune Day – EW

Accomplishments: Tree legislation – BJ; Water bottle refilling – BJ; Oyster Shells – CG

EAD – BJ; Beach cleanup – DLL; Buckets on the Beach - DLL

4. **Spring Newsletter.** EW waiting for article from DJL/LL.
5. **OBYG:** EW moved time for meetings from 1 to 11 on Thursdays. Compost will be delivered on Memorial Day. Camp has permission to use garden for the summer.
6. **Beach Management.** DJL reports nothing new.
7. **Ticks.** CG reports that VOBEC has researched the four-poster program for tick management and has decided that the program should not be implemented in Ocean Beach because it is too costly, attracts rodents, and has limited benefits.

Action: CG will distribute tick cards and investigate ordering tick removal kits.
8. **Tree Legislation.** BJ waiting to hear back from lawyers that are drafting proposed legislation.
9. **Oyster Shell Recovery.** Program is progressing. DLL and CD are meeting with Maureen Dunn on a regular basis. Six restaurants participating.
10. **Electronics Recycling.** JS reports that small electronics can be placed in a box on trash pick-up days and will be recycled by the carter.

Action: JS to find out if the carter is still taking cooking oil from the restaurants, and if there is any kind of recycling that will NOT be acceptable for pick-up.
11. **Dune Fencing Update.** Jill Weinstein reports about dune fencing and the priority of replacement.
12. **Meeting.** The next meeting shall be May 30, 2023, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano

