

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2023

Via Zoom

Present: Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lieber, David Lipsky, Emily Wicks. Guests: Joseph DiFrancisco

1. **EAD.** DJL has spoken to people from NYSERDA regarding potential speakers on wind farming. Waiting to hear back.

Action: DJL will follow up.

2. **FINS Outreach on Sharks.** JW sent in comments, considering having a speaker to come to Ocean Beach and address the community about sharks and other marine life. All in favor.

Action: CG will move forward.

3. **Follow up on comments from last meeting by guest Linda Stertz.** Fire Department will purchase reusable utensils and use going forward.
4. **Website** BJ will circulate comments.
5. **Spring Newsletter.** EW waiting for article from DJL/LL.
6. **Beach Management.** DJL reports nothing new.
7. **Ticks.** LL working on revised policy and will distribute.

Action: DJL will research tick product proposed by Byron Chenault.

8. **Tree Legislation.** BJ waiting to hear back from lawyers that are drafting proposed legislation.
9. **Oyster Shell Recovery.** Program is progressing. DLL and CG are meeting with Maureen Dunn on a regular basis. Six restaurants participating. CG distributing instruction letter to restaurants.
10. **Recycling.** Discussion of size and number of cans in response to Mayor's proposal that number of cans be unlimited.

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. JW reports about dune fencing and the difficulties life guards are having completing the project. JD proposes getting the public works department to help with the dune fencing.

12. Community Comments. A community member has suggested the Village schedule a time for a community wood chipping event. JD agrees, will be discussed in the fall to take place next spring.

13. Meeting. The next meeting shall be June 14 2023, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano