

VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023

Via Zoom

Present: Camille Guigliano, Beth Jacobwitz, David Lieber, David Lipsky, Lisa Lowe, Judy Steinman, Emily Wicks. Guest: Joseph DiFrancisco

1. **Ticks.** The tick population has exploded in Ocean Beach this spring and possible solutions to the problem were discussed. The 4-Poster program used in Fair Harbor and Saltaire was discussed, however, JS points out there is no actual evidence of its success, other than anecdotal evidence. In addition, the program is difficult to get up and running and approved every year. In Saltaire they have a station with 3 devices, and the annual budget for corn and pesticide is \$25,000.

Action: CG will follow up with Saltaire and post on the OB bulletin board.
LL/DJL will do research to determine how effective the program is and research Suffolk County vector control recommendations.
LL will post mosquito info to the bulletin board.

2. **EAD.** DJL has no update. Possible dates were discussed, including August 26 or 27.

Action: DJL will identify and reach out to a potential speaker.
CG will confirm dates are available for Windswept and the Community House.

3. **Summer intern.** EW has nothing new to report. Intern will be here the last two weeks in August.

4. **Website.** BJ will review website.

Action: CG to start writing information on oyster shell recovery and H4H.

5. **Spring Newsletter.** All articles due to EW by May 1.

Action: DJL will draft article on the migratory path of sea life.
LL will draft article on the lights out initiative.
BJ will draft article on the migratory path of birds.

6. **OBYG:** Per EW, there are no new developments, and will confirm date of next meeting with Sophie Pollack.

7. **Beach Management.** DJL researching plans, most are more elaborate than we need. All agreed that there was a need for a formalized Beach Management Plan to include garbage.
8. **Tree Legislation.** BJ waiting to hear back from lawyers that are drafting proposed legislation.
9. **Oyster Shell Recovery.** CG reports that six restaurants have agreed to participate. DLL and CG are planning to attend the Chamber of Commerce kick-off meeting scheduled for 05 May. We are currently working on logistics.
10. **Electronics Recycling.** JS reports that small electronics can be placed in a box next to the trash on any pick-up days and will be recycled by the carter.
11. **Giveaway Items.** CG reports that bags have been ordered and have been delivered. CG was able to find the small battery collection containers, but pursuing it is tabled for now. BJ reports seed packets on the way.
12. **Meeting.** The next meeting shall be May 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Guigliano