



The Town of Fenwick Island

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RESIDENTIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING

July 1 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: Janice Bortner, Sharon Harris, Shaughnessy Pierce, Deborah Cowell (Zoom); Rose Mary Hoy, (Zoom), Geri Verlaque (Zoom), Cindy Kerns (Zoom)

Other Participants: Natalie Magdeburger (Zoom), Gregory Cook (Zoom), Amy Kyle (Zoom), Kurt Zanelotti (Zoom)

Staff: Lori Dabbondanza, Kathy Grab

Flag Salute & Call to Order at 10:03 a.m.

1. Approval of the June 3, 2024 committee meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the June 3, 2024 meeting minutes on a Shaughnessy Pierce/Sharon Harris motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion and Action

a. Education Forum on July 25, 2024

- Rose Mary Hoy spoke about Dark Skies Focus. Dark Skies International has been contacted. There will be three tables set up with information. The focus is educating the public on the importance of Dark Skies. Surf Bagel and High Tide have donated complementary food and beverage.
- Deborah Cowell spoke of the speakers that have been lined up for Green Infrastructure, the list includes Delaware Botanic Garden, Delaware Inland Bays, Roots Landscaping, US Forestry Service, and others.
- Sign-up sheets will be available for people to share their contact information and to request more information on any of the topics spoken of. They will be entered into a raffle.
- A table will be set up with information about the event at the Town Bonfire on July 6th. Natalie Magdeburger recommended that a poster board may be better than flyers. Janice Bortner indicated that with the short time frame it may be best to keep with the flyers. Shaughnessy Pierce offered to reach out to her contact for a poster board to be made.

- Thank you notes will be sent out after the event.

b. Hometown Press

- Gregory Cook spoke about the Hometown Press and how it works. He advised that the advertisers would be 100% approved by the committee or council before printed. He indicated that they would start off with 500 welcome folders. More information at municipalnewsletters.com.

c. Mission Statement

- Mission statements were requested by the Planning Commission, Janice Bortner had updated the Mission Statement and read it to the committee.

d. Jack Pyne's retirement from the Residential Concerns Committee (Emeritus)

- The committee has approved Jack Pyne's retirement.

3. Old Business

a. Mosquitos

- DNREC has sprayed our area once so far this year.
- Possibly ask DNREC to come back in August and spray again.

4. New Business

a. Little Library

- Janice Bortner stated that she feels that the children's library and the adult library should be separate. Discussion that it would need to have Town Council approval and the Public Works could build one. Lori Dabbondanza advised that the books are separated and restocked on a weekly basis. The issue at hand is that the library needs to be waterproof.

5. Public Participation

a. Amy Kyle from FISH

- Advised of their Candidate Forum event on Saturday July 13, 2024 at 9:00 am at the Knights of Columbus in Ocean City and they can share our fliers there at the event.
- Candidate questions may be sent in in advance and are welcomed. Questions can be mailed to PO Box 641 Bethany Beach, DE 19930 or emailed to fenwickneighbors@gmail.com

6. Future Meeting

- a. August 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn on a Sharon Harris/Shoughnessy Pierce motion at 11:02 a.m.

Motion passed unanimously.