



The Town of Fenwick Island

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: Colleen Wilson, Liz Lear, Deborah Cowell (Zoom), Vicki Carmean (Zoom), Susan Brennan (Zoom),

Other Participants: Natalie Magdeburger, Janice Bortner

Staff Participants: Kathy Grab

Call to Order/ Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of February 19, 2025

Motion to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2025 on a Susan Brennan/Vicki Carmean motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Offshore Wind Update.
 - a. Natalie Magdeburger wrote a letter to Representative McBride, it's available on the town's website: [Our Letter to Representative McBride](#)
 - b. A Supreme Court case involves a New England fishing conglomerate.
3. Pollinator Park.
 - a. Spring work begins Friday at 1:30 p.m. with committee members and Barefoot Gardeners.
 - Susan Brennan has spread the delivered dirt to the various garden beds.
 - Volunteers should bring clippers and gloves; Liz Lear will bring compost bags.
 - Susan Brennan will order a compost bin, Colleen Wilson will pick it up.
 - Cinder blocks needed for a second cistern. It will be placed behind the pine tree on the opposite side of the current cistern.

- Amending the soil and cutting the seed pods off to use for the Earth Day giveaway.
- There are still Earth Day shopping bags and some lunch totes at Town Hall as well.

b. Garden Party.

- "Summer Soirée" on June 21, 4:00 p.m. (Rain date: June 22).
- Advertising will be needed.
- The committee will provide iced tea, have the juice lady come, snacks, and attendees can BYOB.
- Deborah Cowell suggested using small cups for snacks such as cheese, nuts, etc.
- Ideas to be brought to the next meeting for snacks.
- Music from the gentleman that played the guitar last year.
- Barefoot Gardeners would like to do some children's activities this summer in the park.
- Folding chairs should be brought out.
- Invite the staff from Inland Bays Nursery.
- Signs in the garden need to be replaced.
- Vicki Carmean thought this would be a fun way to bring the community together.

4. Beach Grass Planting

a. This Saturday March 15th, 9:00 a.m., meeting at Essex Street.

- DNREC will provide the tools.
- Colleen Wilson will have the signs for planting areas.
- Volunteers welcome.

5. Earth Day Planning for April 26th.

a. Assignments Reviewed

- Okie Property cleanup needs at least two volunteers.
- Vicki Carmean to coordinate bagels, coffee, and handing out assignments.
- Deborah Cowell will have a presentation on Green Infrastructure (rain barrels).

- Advertisement in Coastal Point.
- Bags and gloves available at Town Hall.
- Vicki Carmean feels that the Okie name needs to be in the title.
- Deborah Cowell will be addressing this and along with a way to celebrate them.
- Town Hall to display composter, rain barrel, and Offshore Wind info.
- Deborah Cowell will order a rain barrel from DNREC and Colleen Wilson will pick it up.
- Deborah Cowell thanked the Wilsons and Susan Brennan for their assistance at the Okie Park.
- Banner to go up in early April by Public Works.
- Set up after the April 25th Council meeting.

b. Assembling Giveaways

- Schedule for seed packet assembly needed.
- Town Hall to print labels.
- Colleen Wilson asked about a raffle. Vicki Carmean asked if we should ask Inland Bays to donate items as well.
- Susan Brennan can pull items from her garden. This will be kept as a possibility.

6. Report for Planning Commission

a. Susan Brennan sent out an email on behalf of the Planning Commission.

- The Planning Commission was created to ensure recommendations are implemented, making the plan effective.
- Reports track progress (Oct-Mar, Apr-Sept) which is given to the State.
- All committees must submit reports.

7. Old Business.

a. None

8. New Business.

- a. Susan Brennan advised the Business Committee, and the Planning Commission have planned Cruzin' Through Fenwick – May 31, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

- Biking tour from Town Hall.
- Opportunity for community engagement.
- Businesses can leave promotional materials.
- Parking passes will be available from police department.
- Refreshments provided.

9. Date of the next meeting.

- a. Next meeting will be April 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

10. Public Participation.

- a. Janice Bortner thanked the committee for their work on Okie property and Earth Day planning.

11. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. on Vicki Carmean/ Liz Lear Motion.

Motion passed unanimously.