



The Town of Fenwick Island

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 11, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Members Present: Colleen Wilson, Vicki Carmean, Pam Pridgeon, Liz Lear, Susan Brennan (Zoom),

Other Participants: None

Staff Participants: Kathy Grab.

Call to Order/ Flag Salute

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2026.

Motion: Approve the Minutes of January 14, 2026

Moved by: Vicki Carmean

Seconded by: Pam Pridgeon

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Tentative Timeline of Events – Discussion.

- a. February 2026

- The committee reviewed seasonal planting needs at the Pollinator Park and beds and identified plant replacements and adjustments. Further assessment will occur in early spring as growth returns.
- Pollinator Park workday rescheduled to March 26 at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers asked to bring garden tools.
- Soil delivery anticipated March 23 by Public Works. Plants can be pruned at this time.
- Spring planting expected to begin mid-April.
- Sidewalk planting selections to be determined at the March meeting.
- The committee discussed plant watering responsibilities and the need for a designated individual to manage watering throughout Town. The matter will be discussed further at the March meeting.

- b. March 2026

- Fenwick Island was chosen for Beach Grass Planting, the sign up on the DNREC website. Beach Grass Planting is on the Town website.
- Colleen Wilson asked to use the Town's gas-powered augur for grass planting.

- Colleen Wilson will send out the notice for the date change for the Pollinator Park Workday to the Barefoot Gardeners Club.
- Colleen Wilson is requesting the use of the Town's auger for beach grass planting.

c. April 2026

- Earth Day and the planting day for the Faucett Okie Preserve will be combined and celebrated on Saturday, April 25th.
- Prior to Saturday, mulch and an auger will be delivered so the holes can be dug prior to Saturday.
- A water tank will be available for the weekend provided by Public Works.
- Volunteers are set for the planting at the Okie Faucett Preserve, more will be needed for the trash pickup.
- Pam Pridgeon and Vicki Carmean will be at Town Hall to hand out street assignments and supplies.
- Liz Lear asked whether the committee should have table displays and giveaways again this year. Colleen Wilson would like to have some raffles, giveaways, and table displays to promote such as the preserve opening and the soiree. There will be a signup sheet and the street assignments set up. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be available to volunteers.
- Colleen Wilson will look into getting a few plants for the raffles and the tickets. Vicki Carmean will look into getting parsley.
- Advertisements in the newspaper, on the website and Facebook will be needed.
- More discussion at the next meeting.

d. May 2026

- May 23rd is the tentative date for the Faucett Okie Nature Preserve Dedication.
- The sign has been delivered to Town Hall and will need to be installed prior to the dedication ceremony.

e. June 2026

- Gator Bags need to be installed at the Crepe myrtle trees in the medians.
- Pollinator Park Soiree tentative date is June 27th.

3. Old Business.

a. Arboretum Status-Lois Twilley.

- Lois Twilley and Colleen Wilson had a conference call with a professor from Salisbury University.
- The committee discussed requirements for arboretum designation, including the need for 25 native plant species and annual programming. An internship opportunity with Salisbury University was discussed and is being explored.

- The opportunity will be discussed at the Barefoot Gardeners Executive Board meeting. It will be the product and responsibility of the Barefoot Gardeners; they are required to have an event once a year.
 - b. Cigarette Butt Receptacles-DNREC.
 - DNREC will provide two cigarette butt receptacles; one will be installed at Town Hall and the second at the corner of Bayard Street and Bunting Avenue.
 - c. Earth Day Planning.
 - Earth Day planning items, including the Faucett-Okie Preserve plantings, Town cleanup logistics, publicity, plant purchases, and future Pollinator Park and preserve events, were addressed within the monthly planning discussions earlier in the meeting and were not revisited under Old Business.
4. New Business.
- a. Discussion of Watering Requirements for Summer 2026 (Pollinator Park, Okie, Sidewalk/Median).
 - The committee discussed summer watering needs for the Pollinator Park, Faucett Okie Preserve, sidewalks, and other town plantings.
 - Various watering methods and volunteer assistance were discussed and considered.
 - Additional support is necessary.
 - Colleen Wilson proposed that the Town hire someone part-time to water the town plants and gardens.

Motion: To explore the idea of having a part time watering person to help with various quantities in the Town from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Moved by: Colleen Wilson

Seconded by: Vicki Carmean

Motion Carried Unanimously

- 5. Public Participation.
 - a. None.
- 6. Date of the next meeting.
 - a. March 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- 7. Adjournment.

Motion: To Adjourn at 9:53 a.m.

Moved by: Liz Lear

Seconded by: Vicki Carmean

Motion Carried Unanimously.