



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## BEACH COMMITTEE MEETING

March 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Town Hall

Minutes

Members Present in Person: Sharon Harris, Pam Pridgeon

Members Present via Zoom: Kurt Zanelotti, Kelly Rymer

Members Absent: Odis Braxton, Anne Hodges, Jody Hayden

Others Present: Erin Ellinger, Jerry Green, Bill Rymer (Zoom), Jacque Napolitano (Zoom)

Flag Salute & Call to Order 9:34 AM

1. Chairman's Remarks

Jody Hayden has requested to be removed from the committee at the next Town Council meeting. Kurt thanked Jacque for many years of service on the committee.

2. Approval of January 2, 2026, Minutes

**Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 2, 2026, meeting.**

**Moved by: Kurt Zanelotti**

**Seconded by: Pam Pridgeon**

**Result: Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Old Business

a. Fenwick Flicks

- Confirmation of dates: June 19, July 17, August 14, and August 14, August 21, 2026
- Discussion and selection of movie titles
  - Listing of available movies can be found on swank.com
  - Jacque suggested selecting movies that are less than two hours in length and rated G or PG
  - Committee members expressed a preference for beach-themed movies that have already been released
  - The committee selected and confirmed the following movies:
    1. Finding Dory – June 19
    2. Happy Feet – July 17
    3. Minions – August 14
    4. Casablanca – August 21
  - Erin will order Blu-ray movies and 400 glow sticks from Amazon
  - Portable toilets will not be needed this year
  - Lifeguards paint stencils the morning of the movie; Mike provides stencil paint



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- Erin will advertise movies on Facebook, the Town website, Chamber website and the Coastal Point
  - Public Works will hang the banner on Town Hall
- b. Fenwick Freeze
- Review and confirmation of fund disbursement to Guard account and EMS
  - Review of T-shirt order and remaining balance for future orders
  - Review of payment processing
- c. Bonfire Event
- July 18, 2026, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Bayard St. Beach
  - Initial planning discussion
    - Portable toilets should be ordered early by Mike Locke
    - Public Works will provide firewood, rope off the bonfire area, dig the pit (which should be deeper this year), set up tables and lights, and ensure cords are better buried this year
    - EMS coverage will be coordinated with the Captain of the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Department. A \$500 donation will be made after the event is completed
  - T-shirt order planning
    - 250 Anniversary design is preferred
    - Red Sun creates designs and should make sure not to repeat similar designs from previous years. Committee folds/separates/counts shirts
  - Silent auction planning
    - Committee members collect baskets throughout the year
    - Shredding materials and newspapers are saved to fill the baskets
    - Each business will be contacted individually in person; Kurt will share the list with the committee so members can select which businesses they will reach out to. Kelly suggested mailing letters to businesses, but Jacque noted that fewer donations are typically received without the benefit of a personal connection. The committee decided letters will be emailed the first week in June with in-person visits to follow
    - The donation deadline will be **Thursday, July 2, 2026**
    - Go Melvo should be contacted regarding participation
- d. Committee Member Recruitment
- Gail Zanelott will volunteer to assist with events but not be joining the committee
4. New Business
- None
5. Public Participation
- None



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### 6. Next Meeting

**April 2, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.**

### 7. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Moved by: Sharon Harris

Seconded by: Kelly Rymer

Result: Motion passed unanimously