



The Town of Fenwick Island

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BEACH COMMITTEE MEETING

May 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Town Hall

Minutes

Members Present in Person: Kurt Zanelotti, Kelly Rymer, Pam Pridgeon, Sharon Harris

Members Absent: Odis Braxton, Anne Hodges

Others Present: Erin Ellinger, Michael Locke

Flag Salute & Call to Order at 9:30 AM

1. Approval of April 2, 2026, Minutes

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

Moved by: Kelly Rymer

Seconded by: Sharon Harris

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Old Business

a. Fenwick Flicks

- The Committee confirmed movie nights for June 19, July 17, and August 21, 2026.
- The event banner will be displayed on the building during the week prior to each movie night.
- Stencils will be spray painted on Bayard Street the Monday before each event.
- Glow sticks for the events have arrived.
- A Committee member will retrieve the movies from Mike's office the day prior to each event.
- Bartons will be contacted the day before each movie night, and a Committee member's cell phone number will be provided for coordination purposes.
- Lifeguards will transport equipment over the dunes beginning at 7:00 PM.
- Bartons will handle movie setup and operation.
- Lifeguards will organize games and activities for children prior to the movie beginning at dusk.
- Beach Committee t-shirts will need to be ordered for new Committee members.
- Coordination with Captain Ryk is important to ensure adequate lifeguard staffing for each event.



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b. Bonfire Event

T-Shirts

- Kurt will request that the Town Seal be redesigned in red, white, and blue in recognition of the sesquicentennial and placed on the front pocket of the shirts.
- The same quantity of shirts ordered last year will be ordered again this year.
- Shirt color options will include blue and white.

Public Works

- Extension cords are run several days in advance beneath the mobi mats and sand.
- The bonfire pit is dug the day before the event and caution taped off. Wind direction will be evaluated prior to digging the pit.
- On the day of the event, lifeguards assist with transporting tables, plywood for the DJ area, spotlight poles, chairs, and auction items over the dunes.
- Public Works constructed heavy-duty easels for displaying pictures.
- Several older street signs and a retired lifeguard stand that remains in good condition may be donated for auction items.
- Approximately 10 tables are transported to the beach for auction displays.

General

- Two individuals will need to be assigned to process payments using Square devices. A hotspot will need to be established from one of the tablets, and coordination for the setup will take place during the week prior to the event.
- The DarkSky Committee will have an informational display table at the event and plans to donate a gift basket.
- The 50/50 raffle will conclude at 9:00 PM.
- A police officer will assist with transporting the cash box back to the Police Department at the conclusion of the event.
- A donation basket has already been received from Surf Bagel.
- Erin distributed the interactive donation spreadsheet to Committee members.
- The donation deadline is July 2, 2026.
- Gift baskets will be assembled on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM at Town Hall.
- Erin will order the Thank You board following the donation deadline.
- Lifeguard merchandise continues to be a popular auction item.
- The DJ should be contacted during the week prior to the event to confirm logistics and details.
- Erin advised the Committee that an individual residing outside of Town expressed interest in volunteering for the event, and the Committee agreed the assistance would be welcomed.

- c. Review purchase of swimsuits for female guards



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Captain Ryk submitted a request in the amount of \$3,800 for the purchase of female lifeguard swimsuits and related gear, with funding to come from the Beach Committee account. The Committee expressed appreciation for the strong level of female participation in the lifeguard program this year.

3. New Business

None

4. Public Participation

None

5. Next Meeting June 5, 2026, at 9:30 AM

6. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Kelly Rymer

Seconded by: Sharon Harris

Result: Motion passed unanimously.