



The Town of Fenwick Island

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Beach Committee Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2026, at 9:30 AM | Town Hall & via Zoom

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

Others Present: Erin Ellinger

Flag Salute and Call to Order

1. Approval of Minutes: May 8, June 5, July 10, and August 7, 2026

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 8, June 5, July 10 and August 7, 2026, meetings.

Moved by: Kurt Zanelotti

Seconded by: Sharon Harris

Result: Motion passed with Pam Pridgeon abstaining.

2. Chairman's Remarks

Kurt Zanelotti thanked Anne Hodges for organizing Watermelon Day for the Beach Patrol. The event was well received, and the Committee discussed holding it more than once during future summers.

The Committee also purchased a refrigerator for the lifeguards. The refrigerator will be placed in the Beach Patrol shed.

3. Old Business

Fenwick Flicks Overview for 2027

The Committee reviewed the 2026 Fenwick Flicks season. Approximately 65 to 70 people attended the showing of Casablanca. Members agreed that the classic movie was well received and provided an enjoyable event for the Town's adult audience.

The Committee agreed to continue offering both children's movies and a classic or adult movie in 2027. Four dates were selected:

June 18, 2027 – Happy Feet

July 16, 2027 – Children's movie

August 13, 2027 – Children's movie



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August 27, 2027 – Classic/adult movie

The remaining movie titles will be selected in the spring after the available licensing options are released. Erin Ellinger suggested considering a popular newer children's movie, if licensing is available.

Kurt will contact Barton's to confirm pricing and reserve the selected dates.

Fenwick Freeze

The Committee discussed the shirt design and order for the 2027 Fenwick Freeze. Brian, who has designed previous event shirts, was contacted and asked to begin preparing design ideas.

Members agreed that the Fenwick Freeze shirts should be long-sleeved and that additional shirts should be ordered in larger sizes. Anne suggested lime green as a possible shirt color. The Committee will review the proposed designs and make a final selection at a future meeting.

2027 Town Bonfire

The 2027 Town Bonfire is scheduled for July 3, 2027. The DJ has been asked to hold the date, and Kurt will follow up to confirm the booking.

Beach Toy Library

The Committee continued its discussion regarding a beach toy library where residents and visitors could leave or borrow gently used buckets, shovels, boogie boards, and other beach toys.

Members discussed constructing a simple outdoor storage bin similar to the Town's trash enclosures. Possible locations included areas near a lifeguard shed or beach entrance, where the toys would be easily accessible to beachgoers. The bin would need proper drainage to prevent standing water.

Kurt will speak with Mike Locke about possible locations, construction options, and estimated costs. The Committee discussed beginning with one location as a trial.

4. New Business

Committee Membership and Event Volunteers

Erin reminded members to submit a committee application if they are interested in continuing to serve. Applications will assist the Mayor with committee appointments.



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The Committee discussed the need to recruit additional members. A post will be prepared for the Town's Facebook page and website highlighting the Committee's activities and explaining that members may participate in person or through Zoom. Members were also encouraged to recruit interested property owners through personal outreach.

The Committee discussed developing a separate list of people who may not be able to serve on the Committee but would be interested in volunteering at specific events. Members noted that requests identifying a particular event, date, and time commitment have been successful in attracting volunteers in the past.

Kelly Rymer advised that she does not plan to reapply for another term because of the time commitment but will remain available to answer questions and assist when possible. The Committee thanked Kelly for her service.

5. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present in person or through Zoom who wished to speak.

6. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:05 AM.

Moved by: Sharon Harris

Seconded by: Kelly Rymer

Result: Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, October 2, 2026, 9:30 AM.**