

**OCEAN PINES MARINE ACTIVITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR JULY 18, 2023**

MAAC Members Present: Dave Allen, John Latham (acting secretary), Jerry Leuter, Mike Reynolds (remotely)

Board Liaison: Rick Farr (remotely)

Guests: Jeff Heavner, homeowner and OPA BOD candidate

Tim Connolly, homeowner, and prospective member of the MAAC committee

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The June meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

- Boat ramp discussion and it was noted that John Viola had communicated that his team is looking into costs for a boat ramp card system. Members of the committee noted they had not seen a significant increase in ramp usage this year. Rick indicated he would see if there are any updates from GM.
- Discussion around the farmers market participation in the coming months. The Committee decided to hold on this topic until we get more feedback from Sue Challis.
- Dave shared information on the wetlands non-invasive brochures.
- Discussion that committee would continue to seek grant opportunities with MD Coastal Bays and Assateague Coastal Trust.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion is needed by the committee to consider adding one or two new members. Timothy Connolly has made an inquiry, but we haven't heard or seen an application from him. Thomas Osterwalder has indicated to Dave that he wanted to finish out his term with Rec and Parks before joining the MAAC.
- Discussion by group on the "Remember to wear It PFD Signs" – 20 for \$30. Rick Farr took the action to discuss with the GM, the committee's recommendation to purchase these signs.
- Dave asked Rick Farr during his meeting with John Viola to see if there was any update on the committee's inquiry regarding adding solar lights under the bridges over the canals to assist with safe navigation of the canals after dark.
- Prospective member Tim Connolly seemed genuinely interested in joining our committee and brings a great amount of knowledge from his previous committee experience.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 10 a.m., in the Ocean Pines Administration Building

Respectfully Submitted,
John Latham, Acting Secretary