

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 19, 2022
Conference Room, Admin. Bldg. – 10 a.m.

Present: Sharon Santacroce (Chair), Anne O’Connell, Karen Detter, John Maziuk, Patty Gamby, Patricia Garcia, Tim Peck, Karen Baldwin, Doug Parks (Board Liaison) and Pat Benner were excused

Call to Order: Sharon Santacroce called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Chairman’s comments: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Anne and seconded by Karen B. and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tim and seconded by Anne and approved unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- South Pond Buffer/Erosion Plan – Pricing/contract of March 10, 2023 from SOLitude Lake Management (John Phelps) was submitted to MCB for funding consideration through OP Management via Doug Parks. We continue to await word on acceptance or denial.
- Interpretive Signs for Route 90 Pond – Patty Gamby and Patricia Garcia shared their observations after walking around the pond prior to our meeting and made a suggested list of tasks that should be considered before any interpretative signs are created. Sharon will bring a boundary survey to next meeting.
- Bay Day Reminder – May 7th at White Horse Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tree Removal & Permitting Process – Tim shared his thoughts, along with John, as to steps going forward and will provide another response to comments received via info@oceanpines.org. Tim sent pictures of several lots that have been needlessly clear cut by home builders.

NEW BUSINESS

- West Side of South Pond – Observation on erosion given by Patty Gamby. She will e-mail info@oceanpines.org on OP’s efforts so far (i.e. rocks make erosion worse).
- Integrity / Importance of Strong Moral Principles – Tim Peck spoke on this topic with a group discussion following. As representatives of the community, we must uphold high standards. We discussed that the local newspapers (Courier, OP Progress, Bayside Gazette) are filled

with mostly personal opinions and not really news related and are based on generating revenue from ads.

- Green Street Article – Patricia Garcia will write the next article due June 15th – either on duck crossing signs (if installed), bee hive installation, or possible Easy Tips on Going Green.
- Bee Hive Installation – OP Gardening Area – request by management to discuss if bees pose a threat to humans. We were in agreement that Mason Bees are harmless and will be very beneficial to the gardens. Also we discussed there are no pesticides in use near the gardens that might harm the bees.
- Teach a Kid to Fish Day – Saturday, June 17th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Karen Baldwin volunteered to help Sharon provide materials to the kids and be available to discuss the importance of clearing your gear to protect the environment and wildlife.

Date of next meeting – May 24, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Administration Bldg. Conference Room

Adjourn