

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2022**  
**Peach Room – 10 a.m.**

**Present:** Sharon Santacroce (Chair), Anne O’Connell, Karen Detter, John Maziuk, Patty Gamby, Pat Benner, Patricia Garcia, Tim Peck, Karen Baldwin, Doug Parks (Board Liaison), Jerry Leuters (Marine Committee), Steve Jacobs (Board member), Cindy Hoffman (Bayside Gazette), and 3 members of Angler’s Club including John McFalls (President)

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

**Chairman’s comments:** Sharon mentioned Bay Day this year will be held on Sunday, May 17th. She brought up the issue of OP leaf collection and plastic bag pollution to pursue as an agenda item as well as preserving trees in OP. She mentioned Karen Baldwin is a new member and as an experienced oyster farmer may coordinate using oyster cages with residents living on canals.

**Public Comments:** None

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Anne seconded by Karen D. and approved unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- South Pond Buffer/Erosion Plan – John Phelps of SOLitude Lake Management gave an in-depth presentation on the SOX product and how it works to control erosion. Ideal installation is during the growing season. Citing a recent project, Mr. Phelps said they had installed 150 linear feet in 3 days at Bethany Bay in Delaware. He also mentioned an upcoming webinar on SOX to be held January 31<sup>st</sup> that we can sign up for and attend virtually.
- Educational Signs for Route 90 Pond – Patty Gamby updated us that Public Works no longer makes signs in-house. She is looking into another source. This project is being researched and hopefully signs will include local plants (including poison ivy) trees, fish, turtles, etc.
- Duck Crossing Signs – Anne let us know about Public Works in Danville, Virginia’s efforts to manufacture their signs, which we are looking to model ours. They were very responsive and informative. She will provide cost estimates at our next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Patricia Garcia volunteered to write our next Green Street article due March 15<sup>th</sup>. She mentioned “plogging” as a way to successfully pick up trash while walking/jogging in Ocean Pines. It is a Swedish sustainable initiative which combines sports like jogging with caring for the environment.

- We welcomed Karen Baldwin as our newest committee member. We have nine dedicated volunteers.
- New projects were discussed and will be added to next month's agenda

Date of next meeting – March 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Peach Room

**Adjourn**