

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 19, 2022
Peach Room – 10 a.m.

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

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

Chairman’s comments: Sharon welcomed and thanked everyone for coming

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Patty G. seconded by Anne and approved unanimously.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- South Pond Buffer Master Plan – Karen reports John Phelps of Solitude Lake Management is no longer returning her calls. Tim Peck offered other options with names and contact numbers for Karen to contact. We are not giving up on this project!
- Sharon reported the Green Street article outlining positive impacts our committee has made over the past few years was written, submitted and printed in the OP Fall Newsletter. Copies of the newsletter were given to members who had not yet seen the printed article.
- Timothy Peck’s application received Board approval as a new member of committee. We now have eight very qualified members.
- Duck Crossing Signs – August 22nd event spurred us to look into caution signs. John researched. Anne took the lead on this project. Anne or Sharon will contact the Humane Society in Virginia, who purchased these signs and currently use them in the summer. We think these mobile “sandwich” signs are a good option and a photo and TV news report were e-mailed to members for their review. Anne made calls to the state highway engineer, Worcester County Public Works and MDOT reps to seek approval to install sign(s) along 589 and Ocean Parkway during summer months and reported that she received Kevin Lynch’s (Worcester County) permission to display the signs as long as we buy and maintain.

NEW BUSINESS

- Introductions were made around the table for all current and new members.

- Concerning Ocean Pines kayak launches, Sharon reported that she, along with the Chairs of Park & Recs and Marine Advisory Committees will agree on content and send an e-mail to their Board Liaisons to seek guidance from the Board as to what can be done to maintain these launches for the safety and use of residents
- Route 90 educational pond signs were discussed as to what might be ideal for placing signs around the pond. Patty Gamby will take the lead on this project researching best ideas, as well as seek input from members. Our list may include local plants (including poison ivy) trees, mushrooms, fish, turtles, etc.
- Sharon told the members she would send them a *draft* of our committee's 2022 Annual Report for their review and feedback before submitting the final report to Doug Parks no later than October 31st

Date of next meeting – November 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the East Room.

Adjourn