

# Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Minutes

## September 5, 2024

**Present:** Margaret Johnson (Chairperson), Lee Maxwell (Vice Chairperson), Elise Snavelly, Jeweleen Mustard, Sue Davidson, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant

**Absent:** Bill Craft (Town Council Liaison)

**Staff:** Brady Golden, Brice Taylor (Stormwater Administrator)

**Guests:**

### Meeting called to order at 8:29 am ET.

- **Motion to Accept Meeting Agenda** 1. Elise Snavelly 2. Lee Maxwell  
Approved Unanimously
- **Motion to Accept August 2024 Minutes** 1. Elise Snavelly 2. Lee Maxwell  
Approved Unanimously

### Announcements

- Elise Snavelly informed the committee that she is under contract for a house in Wilmington. As a result, she will not be able to remain a member of the committee once she relocates.

### Reports from Staff

- **Brice Taylor (Stormwater Administrator):** New initiatives are underway, and plans are being developed for community outreach and educational programs.
  - ❖ **Stormwater Plaques:** Progress has been made on the stormwater plaques, which have been located. The next steps include conducting on-site presentations for the community.
  - ❖ **Rain Barrel Workshop:** A workshop is scheduled for October 11, 2024. Registrations are currently open, with the deadline set for the end of September.
  - ❖ **Veterans' Park Beautification:** All materials have been priced, and the necessary funds are now available.
  - ❖ **Realtor Training:** A training session for the ordinance was held, with 100 attendees. An online class will be available for those unable to attend.
  - ❖ **Living Shoreline Update:** Brice met with Oyster Catchers and pricing has been finalized for the three phases of the living shoreline update. New buoys will be attached to those currently in use. The retaining wall needs to be fully reconstructed before further progress on the living shoreline project can continue.
- **Brady Golden:** A new Town Manager has been selected, they were described as being supportive and sympathetic to the Environmental Advisory Committee's initiatives.
- **Bill Craft (Town Council Liaison):** *Absent*

## Old Business

➤ **Membership:** Efforts to recruit new committee members are ongoing. A promotional flier and write-up were submitted to the committee for review by Jeweleen Mustard. See Appendix 2 & 3.

➤ **Conservation Conversations:** Margaret Johnson facilitated last months Conservation Conversations at the Nature Center of 8/2 from 10:30am -12pm. It was noted that no participants attended the August session of Conservation Conversations.

➤ **Living Shoreline:** Elise Snavelly announced the final summer event for the living shoreline project is scheduled for September 21, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

➤ **Recycling:** Sue Davidson reported that 500 recycling labels have been distributed, with Hayley taking 150 for local businesses and Scott taking 30 for the town. SeaWay is the local printer the committee used to print the 'Recycle Right' promotional material.

➤ **Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committees:** Lee Maxwell provided an update on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The community has yet to receive official communication regarding the plan. The kickoff is scheduled for later in September, and the committee will proceed through a series of stages, including a review of expectations, map evaluations, a community survey, and the refinement of recommendations.

## New Business

➤ **Tree Peace Initiative:** Tree Peace requested support from the committee regarding the formation of a nonprofit organization dedicated to tree protection and education. A discussion was held on the potential tabling of the ordinance until the October meeting.

- ❖ It was acknowledged that the committee will seek approval from the Town Council before endorsing the nonprofit organization proposed by Tree Peace.

## Adjournment at 9:45 am ET.

➤ **Motion to Adjourn**  
Approved Unanimously

1. Lee Maxwell

2. Elise Snavelly

***Minutes compiled and submitted by: Jeweleen Mustard***

## Appendix

### Appendix 1:

Living Shoreline Events

- ❖ Summer: September 21, 16:30-18:00 *Alt. Date/Time: September 28, 11:00-12:30*
- ❖ Fall: November 16, 13:30-15:30 *Alt. Date/Time: November 30, 12:30-14:30*

## Appendix 2:

TOWN OF OAK ISLAND

# Join

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- Influence environmental policies and initiatives in Oak Island
- Participate in hands-on projects that make a difference
- Collaborate with like-minded individuals who share your passion for the environment
- Help shape the future of our beautiful coastal town

### Get Involved

Regular committee meetings are held on the **first Thursday of each month at 8:30 AM** at the Ocean Education Center, located at 4700 East Oak Island Drive.

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## Appendix 3:

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#### What We Do:

The EAC is committed to the protection and enhancement of Oak Island's natural resources. We focus on educating Town residents through various initiatives, including organizing Town events like Earth Day, hosting environmentally-focused presentations, and leading programs such as:

- **Recycling Rangers**
- **Living Shoreline Clean-Ups**
- **Arbor Day Celebration**
- **Skip the Straw Initiative**

We also work closely with the Town to meet Tree City USA standards and ensure responsible stormwater permitting.

### **Our Mission:**

The EAC's mission is to advise the Town Council and collaborate with Town Staff on policies and activities that support responsible environmental stewardship.

### **Our Vision:**

We envision a community that actively supports and promotes practices to protect, enhance, and preserve Oak Island's unique natural resources and fragile ecosystems.

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