

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

December 5, 2024

Present: Margaret Johnson (Chairperson), Lee Maxwell (Vice Chairperson), Sue Davidson, Rosalie Farley, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant

Absent: Elise Snavely

Staff: Brady Golden, Brice Taylor (Stormwater Administrator)

Absent: Bill Craft (Town Council Liaison)

Guest: Erin De La Cruz

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am ET.

➢ **Motion to Accept Meeting Agenda** 1. Lee Maxwell 2. Sue Davidson

Approved Unanimously

➢ **Motion to Accept November 7, 2024, Minutes** 1. Lee Maxwell 2. Sue Davidson

Approved Unanimously

Announcements –

➢ **Margaret Johnson:**

❖ It was noted for the record that Jewelean Mustard has tendered her resignation from the committee, effective October 2024.

➢ **Lee Maxwell** will be revisiting the straw initiative this coming year. Posters have been made to post in the restaurants. 36 of 50 Oak Island establishments have accepted non-plastic straws.

Reports from Staff

➢ **Brady Golden:** Sue Davidson ask when EAC members receive emails for requests to come and talk with groups how best to handle it, they should be forwarded to the Town staff.

➢ **Brice Taylor (Stormwater Administrator):**

- Contractor Education Initiative event will be held at the 801 Ocean Event Center, December 16, 2024 from 11:00-2:00pm.
- Offer residents to adopt a tree and get 2% taken off their water bill.
- A new town Assistant Manager Andy Snead has been selected and will start December 2, 2024.
- 100 3 gallon trees coming for Arbor Day.
- Budget for 175 Trees to be planted where tree canopy has been lost.
- Getting a GPS to assist with the locating blocked drainage pipes.
- Requirements to install retaining walls.
- The GIS stormwater study will have data by July.

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

Old Business

- Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Lee Maxwell): Community Engagement **Survey** as part of the 2045 Charting the Course project will close December 7, 2024, next **meeting** will be held on December 11, 2024. Lee will ensure that the committee remains informed and will email bullet points after the meeting.
- Living Shoreline (Margaret Johnson): Elise Snavely- The Living Shoreline clean up on November 16, 2024, had 11 volunteers picking up 75lbs. of trash.
- Recycling (Sue Davidson): Looking into 2025 Realtor Events. Networking through email, with Deb Fetterman.
- Friend of Stormwater (Margaret Johnson): November 22, 2024, First Ever “Friends of Stormwater” awards presented to Haggs, Solar Brewing, and Sweet Treats. Will be asking for more plaques in the future.

New Member Recruitment

Doug Sullins application submitted electronically to Lisa Sites on November 26, 2024.

New Business

Request for monies allocated for upcoming 2025 events will be submitted to Brice Taylor to be approved. 2025-2026 Budget to be submitted for Town budget meetings. Discussions will be at the next January 2, 2025 meeting. Members will bring requests they see important to the EAC organization.

Adjournment at 10:00 am ET.

➤ Motion to Adjourn

Approved Unanimously

1. Sue Davidson 2. Lee Maxwell