



Town of Chesapeake Beach Green Team

Meetings Minutes:

Date meeting was held: Thursday June 22, 2017

Time: 6:00-7:15 pm

Location: Town Hall

Attendees:

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- I. Mayor Mahoney started the meeting with an introduction to the Green Team and overall importance of the Team for the Town. Mayor Mahoney also discussed ideas for how to set up the Team in terms of having a Chair or Co-Chair to formalize how the team operates.
- II. Holly Wahl, Town Administrator, discussed the formalization of a team focused on the Town's sustainable green efforts. Through planning and prioritizing, the team is designed to make recommendations to the Town for implementation. It was discussed that Green efforts are a staple to the community and that a formalized team is needed to ensure that the Town is constantly improving. It was discussed that the Team would ideally come up with an action plan that would extend 3, 5 and possibly 10 years. This plan would be constantly updated and prioritized based on needs assessments.
- III. The team discussed the importance of the Sustainable Maryland Certification for the Town.
- IV. The team discussed the history of Green efforts in Town.



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Some points discussed:

- a. CBOCS, funded by the Town and run by John Bacon, provides many educational opportunities to the community.
- b. Bay Front Park committee provides educational opportunities to the community such as nature walks
- c. These programs, especially CBOCS, are low on volunteer help yet are a staple of the Town. A Green Team could help engage the rest of the community in these efforts and promote the efforts of the Town.

John Bacon, member of the original Town Green team made some recommendations to the Team and discussed some of the recent projects.

Some recommendations were:

- a. Review the previous Green Team action plan
- b. Propose ideas and determine the cost of implementation when suggesting it to the Town
- c. Find ways to engage volunteers and the community
- d. Volunteers tend to fade away, but don't get discouraged keep moving forward with a plan and engage as many community members as possible

Some of CBOCS projects discussed:

- a. *Pollinator Gardens*
- b. *Mosquito Gardens*
- c. *Martin House*
- d. *Bat House*
- e. *Oyster reefs*
- f. *LORAX club*
- g. *Buffer Gardens: how the Towns implementation sets them ahead of the measures coming for run off from MDE. The Team should continue to look at ways to expand the buffer gardens. There is importance placed on the Town of Chesapeake Beach protecting the Bay.*
- h. *Increase in education and partnerships with Calvert County public schools*
- i. *Trail: how to enhance it and continue to provide education*
- j. *Increasing demonstrations that the community can implement at their ho*
- k. *Identification of trees and shrubs along the trail*
- l. *Banding of the baby Osprey in July*
- m. *Taste the Beaches event: using this event as a way for the Green Team to host a round table for discussions of sustainability.*

V. The team discussed some ideas of the group

Some of the ideas discussed were:

- a. Mulching of Christmas trees for the community: this was discussed as a great community event and there was a lot of excitement about it



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- b. Bay wise certification: communicating with neighbors on how they can become certified. The team also discussed certifying public areas such as Town Hall. It was noted that the Railway trail is the first in the state to be certified.
- c. Economic sustainability for the charter fishing group: a great perspective was introduced by Clemson environmental scientist, Ryan St. Laurent, that discussed how to compensate those that use fishing for the livelihood to incentivize them to not overfish the Bay.
- d. Ways to make the Railway Trail more enjoyable
- e. Ways to keep Chesapeake Beach as a family friendly and environmentally stable community and the benefits of this while raising young families.

VI. Next Steps:

- 1) The team discussed setting the next meeting and it was agreed that the team would meet on July 20th, 4 weeks from the first meeting.

Action Item: Holly to provide a calendar invite to the group by June 23, 2017.

- 2) Barbara Kete suggested that the Town provide information from the Green Teams efforts so they can be reviewed by the group.

Action Item: Holly Wahl to provide the Green Team mission statement and action plan by June 23, 2017.

- 3) Barbara Kete suggested that the Town provide information on the Sustainable Maryland designation for planning purposes for the group.

Action Item: Holly Wahl to provide Sustainable Maryland information to the group by June 23, 2017.

- 4) The group discussed Maryland Green Training and having that training set up within the next couple of months.

Action Item: set a date for Green training at the next meeting July 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm.