

Bradley Beach Environmental Commission

May 3, 2021

Agenda

- 1.) Welcome
- 2.) Approval of April meeting minutes
- 3.) Old Business
 - a. BB Strategic Planning Commitments Update – how are we doing? Need help? Who should do this? How should town do it? Guide, recommend how Borough should complete tasks
 - i. Environmental Resource inventory (due June)
 1. Capt. Al- Wildlife, plant life
 - ii. Lake Stability and Standards report (due June)
 1. Capt Al wrote proposal after Sandy
 - iii. Community Gardens (due June)
 1. School is erecting two greenhouses
 2. Geoff Curtiss donating rain barrel
 3. Exploring option to expand the garden at school to accommodate the community
 - a. Capt al-adopt bed, Free fresh produce on boardwalk
 - b. Meredith-Kids in need, food pantry, plants requested by kids fulfill does not have access to- can we donate?
 4. Working with school to develop a summer watering plan
 - iv. % of Shade Tree Coverage: will recommend the Shade Tree Commission take on this project
 1. Meredith will write up
 2. Rona commends STC for Arbor Day program
 3. Where's the Salem Oak? Kim can ask at STC meeting
 - b. Update on Recycle Coach – plastic film has been added!
 - i. Meredith- We don't accept #5 Plastics
 - c. Maritime Forest Update May 25th event
 - i. Al-expecting a good presence. Town dignitaries, Sen Gopal, assemblymen invited
 1. Signs done, may6 educational sign, bench, chairs- DPW helping to install
 2. Met with Heather Sauer-she's excited to work with env comm on town projects
 - ii. Rona- should we also invite our senator? Al- They've all been invited
 - d. Beach Sweeps Debrief April 17th, 2021
 - i. Meredith- Good event, John and Rona attended. 109 volunteers September or October for Fall beach sweep event.
 - ii. Beach Sweeps with school kids planning
 - e. Green Fair debrief April 24th
 - i. 40 buckets, lots of recycle coach downloads, all flyers handed out, May25 maritime forest info

- ii. Geoff lots of people from other towns who wanted to learn from how we operate.
- iii. Rona- Apartment complexes taking care of plastic film?
- iv. Meredith- town does not communicate to renters. Landlords make own sticker put it on blue bin, collect from all tenants and put out on film recycle day. Let's make apt dwellers a priority for education for plastic film recycling program
- v. Kim- My building has plastic recycling bin
- vi. Rona- Let's put together stats to publicize recycling successes

f. Miss anything?

4.) New Business

a. Budget

- i. Logo Design (free)
 - 1. Meredith-We don't have a logo! Met a group of high school kids who would design a logo for us.
- ii. Marketing Supplies (tablecloth, picture frames, etc.)
 - 1. Meredith- Supplies to put our new logo on for green fairs, etc.
 - 2. Geoff- Would be helpful bc ppl didnt know who we were at green fair
- iii. Plant request for school garden
 - 1. Will reach out to Linda to see if we can get any from food pantry
- iv. Container vegetable garden zoom (most likely free)
 - 1. Master Gardener will present, Meredith will contact to schedule

Geoff- Lights come on during the day in town? How do we identify? Which lights?

Rona-Someone complained that the dunes are taking up too much sand. Maybe educate public on use of dunes?

Al- More signs may be necessary bc folks walk on them

Geoff- teaching mechanism for kids in school? What do the dunes mean for our town?

Al- doing program with kids, planting dune grass in cup then transplanting

Adjourn