



## Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore Committee Meeting

**May 14, 2025**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

Attendees:	Marilyn Ailes	Terre Hendricks
	Sue Mastyl	Virginia Schneider
	Paul Muhly	Betty Martin
	Mark Stapleton (phone)	

### Agenda

Topic	Responsible Party	Time Allotted to Topic
Treasurer Report	Marilyn Ailes	10 min
Old Business	Marilyn Ailes	40 min
New Business	Marilyn Ailes	10 min
Discussion	Action Plan	Responsible Party
<b>Treasures Report:</b>		
May Balance \$ 8344.98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual membership fees are due.</li> <li>Essay winner checks not cashed yet (\$100.00)</li> <li>No word yet on Northampton funding</li> <li>Need to recruit a Treasurer</li> </ul>	Marilyn
<b>Old Business:</b>		
<b>Public Works funded Pick-ups</b> Pickups are going well. CCSC2 – to conduct a road pick up on May 10 – event was cancelled. June 7 – Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church June 14 – ESCC Science department – Alex Foxworthy Cara Rollander to discuss with her church and determine if they are interested in participating – date TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need a list of available dates for Spring and Summer.</li> <li>Contact established organizations to determine if they have any interest in road clean-ups (Rotary clubs, Elks, Lions club, etc.).</li> <li>Order additional supplies – gloves were purchased.</li> <li>VDOT sent a list of the “Adopt a Road” participants to Mark. Consider an ad/letter in the Post thanking all participants.</li> </ul>	Terre Mark Mark Mark/Terre Eddie

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Camp Accohannock to see if they would be interested. No update.</li> </ul>	
<b>Events to Promote WW</b>  Potential events to disseminate WW info: Earth Day – April 26. Virginia and Sue participated in the Exmore Earth Day celebration. Chincoteague Seafood Fest – May 3 – No table for WW Art and Music on the Farm – May 24 - No Clean the Bay Day – June 7 – consider sending an email to membership to encourage participation. Blueberry Festival – July 24-26 Try to make our participation in events more interactive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine future events for WW participation-create a list.</li> <li>Identify personnel available to help with the events.</li> <li>Need “trash talkers” to be available for schools and events.</li> <li>Determine if we want to sponsor a group for Clean the Bay Day – we will not sponsor a group this year.</li> </ul>	Virginia  Marilyn  Virginia
<b>Unified Recycling Message</b> Recycling remains in flux. Hoping to coordinate a program with the two counties for a workshop in the Fall. Review: TFC guidelines Styrofoam ban Locations Signage Campaign for businesses/organizations  Sue to mention this event at the Solid Waste Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agenda</li> <li>Participants</li> <li>Create recycling information</li> <li>Consider inviting Tourism and Realtors to the strategic session</li> </ul>	Sue
<b>Web Site</b> Virginia gave a brief overview and a demonstration of the new website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide additional information to Karen to improve the WW website.</li> <li>Get website posted</li> </ul>	Virginia
<b>Litter Survey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send results to both Counties</li> <li>Submit findings to the Post</li> </ul>	Marilyn
<b>Cover Your Load</b> There is law to cover the back of pick-up trucks. Included in the article that Marilyn is writing for the Post.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit the requirement to cover your load (pickup trucks) to Ted Shockley to see if he will publish the requirements</li> <li>Touch base with WESR – radio spot to talk about the litter pick up program – done March 25</li> </ul>	Marilyn  Mark
<b>Education and Presentations</b> Virginia contacted 2 individuals that expressed interest in WW. Provided a membership form. Rotary Club in Exmore has requested a presentation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend Exmore Rotary Club Meeting – June 5</li> </ul>	Virginia
<b>Next meeting</b> To be held in Painter at Davis Disposal. Will tour the site. Are we going to see the hazardous waste site?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide directions to site</li> <li>Ensure there is a place to have our meeting</li> </ul>	Amy Kay
<b>New Business:</b>		

April minutes approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No changes</li> </ul>	Marilyn
<b>Storage unit.</b> The cost of the current storage unit has increased to \$99.00 per month. Onancock Storage prices are better. Motion approved to investigate Onancock.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put our name on the Onancock Storage area waiting list for a smaller unit (8X10 or 5X10).</li> </ul>	Marilyn
<b>Reverse vending machines</b> These machines take cans or bottles and issue a receipt for cash. Consider crusading for a cost for plastic bags to reduce use and potentially decrease litter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table this discussion until we have more information and a coordinated plan.</li> </ul>	
<b>Earth Day</b> The current coordinator of Earth Day would like WW to consider taking over this event. Could potentially get a grant to assist with planning and logistics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Alex Foxworthy to see if he would be interested in running Earth Day.</li> <li>Contact Paul Berge for more info.</li> </ul>	Sue  Marilyn
<b>Accomplishments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road pick-up in May- cancelled. Next road pick-up is scheduled June 7</li> <li>Guest column for the Post was written by Marilyn about litter prevention and WW initiatives</li> <li>New website created</li> <li>Participated in Earth Day on April 26 – distributed literature and magnets</li> <li>Onancock Rotary meeting?</li> </ul> <b>Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider a ¼ page ad in the Post for the litter survey results</li> <li>Consider a campaign around “Cover Your Load”</li> <li>Tour the hazardous waste facility in Painter VA – Scheduled June 11</li> <li>New storage unit</li> </ul> <b>Future Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic planning session on a unified ESVA recycling program – consider a Fall program</li> <li>Open House – date and content TBD</li> <li>Program to acknowledge businesses for recycling efforts</li> </ul>		
<b>Next Meeting: June 11, 2025 – Davis Disposal in Painter – 11am</b>		