



## Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore Committee Meeting

September 10, 2025

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

### Attendees:

Marilyn Ailes

Amy Kay Hines

Sue Mastyl

Terri Hendricks

Virginia Schneider

### 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>		
September Balance \$ 8747.98  Funding from Northampton County was approved and received (\$1300.00).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to recruit a Treasurer</li> </ul>	Marilyn
<b>Old Business:</b>		
<b>Public Works funded Pick-ups</b> No scheduled pick-ups this month. Notice in the Post – “request for volunteers”. No calls to date. Motion to allow Terri to post an ad every other week from September to November. – up to \$1400.00. Motion approved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place a quarter page ad in the Post seeking groups or individuals willing to assist with trash pick-up.</li> </ul>	Terre Mark
<b>Events to Promote WW</b>  Potential events to disseminate WW info: Blueberry Festival – July 24-26 – completed Next scheduled event is County Farm Day – October 22 – Heather and Virginia to attend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine future events for WW participation</li> <li>Attend the County Farm Day at Metompkin Elementary School</li> <li>Contact Theresa Pittman – organizer for the Farm Day.</li> </ul>	Virginia  Heather & Virginia
<b>Web Site</b> The WW website is complete. Web designer to provide written tutorial for updating the site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add info about the Children’s Essay contest. Note that home schoolers are welcome to participate. Home schoolers should send essay to WW website.</li> </ul>	Virginia

<b>Education and Presentations</b> 1) Children's essay contest. 2) Presentation on Recycling for Adult Learning at ESCC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sue to present at ESCC on Oct 10</li> </ul>	Sue
<b>Children's Essay Contest</b> Forms were approved by Accomack County. Northampton does not require approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distribute materials to schools during the week of October 1.</li> <li>Collect completed forms first week in November.</li> <li>Solicit volunteers to judge the essays.</li> </ul>	Marilyn
<b>Storage unit.</b> An additional \$63.61 was paid for the existing Storage unit for the rest of the month of September. Motion approved to reimburse Marilyn for the additional storage unit fee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move items from the existing unit to the new storage unit on September 16 at 2pm</li> </ul>	Marilyn Terri Virginia Sue
<b>Fee for Plastic Bags</b> Virginia Plastic Pollution Prevention has implemented calls to encourage imposing a plastic bag fee that goes to a litter fund. Richmond has just adopted the fee. Sue did not join the September call but will try to get some data on cities that have already implemented the program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider distribution of reusable bags.</li> <li>Consider a presentation for the County Supervisors.</li> <li>Sue to report on data at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	Sue
<b>Trailer Park Dumpsters</b> Trailer parks are not required to provide trash bins/dumpsters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State code needs to change in order to enforce trailer park dumpsters.</li> <li>No further action – close this item</li> </ul>	Marilyn
<b>Trash Incineration</b> The new Accomack County landfill property is near Assawoman creek. This could have an environmental impact. Fairfax County uses incineration for their waste. Concern expressed that this is a costly option and possibly an air quality issue. This could be a topic or solution considered by Public Works or other County organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further action – close this item.</li> </ul>	
<b>New Business:</b>		
July minutes approved with one correction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change Onancock Ruritan to Little Pungo Ruritan.</li> </ul>	Marilyn
Heather Jorgenson would like to meet with Doctor Miller – Accomack School District, to discuss recycling. Question raised by Sue - How do recycled items get to the convenience center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate with Heather on a date.</li> </ul>	Marilyn Sue
<b>Accomplishments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you note and check for \$150.00 sent to the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Department</li> <li>Waste Watchers website completed</li> <li>Attended the Blueberry Festival</li> </ul>		

**Next Steps**

- Move items in existing storage unit to new storage unit (unit number 229) – Sept 16
- Children's Essay Contest
- Sue to give a presentation on Recycling at ESCC - Oct 10
- Attend the County Farm Day – October 22

**Future Initiatives**

- Open House – date and content TBD
- Program to acknowledge businesses for recycling efforts.
- Support proposals for plastic bag fees.

**Next Meeting: October 8, 2025**