



Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore Committee Meeting

November 12, 2025

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Attendees:	Marilyn Ailes Terri Hendricks Virginia Schneider	Sue Mastyl Betty Martin Amy Kay Hines
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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
Treasures Report:		
October Balance \$ 8299.37 November Balance \$ 8014.37 Paid Eastern Shore Post Advertising Invoice - \$195.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to recruit a Treasurer 	Marilyn
Old Business:		
Public Works funded Pick-ups Notice placed in the Post – “request for volunteers”. Nov 1 – Naomi Makemie Church - done Nov 8 – Fisher Rd in Parsksley – 16 bags and 3 tires Nov 22 – Need to confirm the pick-up group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue to follow up with Little Pungo-Ruritan about a potential “pick-up” 	Sue Terre Mark
Events to Promote WW Potential events to disseminate WW info: Next scheduled event is Heather and Virginia attended County Farm Day on October 22 –close to 300 3 rd graders from Accomack County attended. Great opportunity to educate children about the hazards of litter and the importance of recycling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine future events for WW participation 	Virginia
Web Site Information about the Children’s Essay contest has been added to the website. Added information about asbestos recycling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post updates as needed Post meeting minutes 	Virginia
Education and Presentations 1) Children’s essay contest. 2) Presentation on Recycling for Adult Learning at ESCC. - done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action – close this item 	Sue

Children's Essay Contest Materials were collected the week of November 3. There will be some late submissions due to issues with email. Will try to accommodate all submissions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judge the submissions November 15 at 11am at the Happy Buffet. Solicit volunteers to judge the essays. 	Marilyn
Storage unit. Combination lock has been installed Requested additional drainage at the site if possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action – close this item 	
Fee for Plastic Bags Virginia Plastic Pollution Prevention Network has implemented calls to encourage imposing a plastic bag fee that goes to a litter fund. Richmond has just adopted the fee. Sue to continue to gather data Rather than mounting an effort to get the Counties to approve a bag fee consider education to change behavior – signage “remember your bag”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider distribution of reusable bags at events – prefer canvas bags. Sue to report on data at the next meeting. Consider a presentation for the Supervisors after the litter survey. 	Sue
Recycling Efforts 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. Does the school have a central bin? Re-energize a plan to recognize businesses for recycling. Thermal paper receipts should not be recycled – contains PBA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with Heather on a date. Schedule a meeting with Dr Miller- meeting is still pending Brainstorm simple methods to recognize business that are implementing good practice for recycling – January agenda. Sue to ask Pungoteague elementary school how they handle recycling 	Marilyn Sue
New Business:		
October minutes approved.as written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 	Marilyn
There was a significant effort on the part of an Industrial Sales and Leasing rep to clean up Northampton roads for the CBES bike tour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider communication with the organizer to see if we can assist with any future clean-ups 	Sue
Consider a tour of Eagle Recycling in Salisbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the company to arrange a tour 	Sue
Determine if WESR would consider a monthly talk forum recognizing businesses that promote recycling and litter prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk to WESR 	Marilyn
Accomplishments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Farm Day – October 22 Combination lock on storage unit on Fairgrounds Road (unit number 229) Sue lectured on Recycling at ESCC on Oct 10 Collected Children's Essay Submissions Pick-up completed on November 1 and November 8 		

Next Steps

- Judge Children's Essay Contest
- Essays to be read on WESR
- County Budget submissions for next FY

Future Initiatives

- Open House – date and content TBD
- Program to acknowledge businesses for recycling efforts.
- Support proposals for plastic bag fees or determine other ways to decrease plastic bag usage.

Next Meeting: No meeting in December due to holidays. Next meeting January 14, 2026