



## Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore Committee Meeting

**October 8, 2025**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

Attendees:	Marilyn Ailes Terri Hendricks	Sue Mastyl Virginia Schneider
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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
<b>Treasures Report:</b>		
October Balance \$ 8884.37 175.00 has been received in memory of Paul Muhly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to recruit a Treasurer</li> <li>Pay Shore Post Advertising Invoice</li> </ul>	Marilyn
<b>Old Business:</b>		
<b>Public Works funded Pick-ups</b> Notice placed in the Post – “request for volunteers”. 2 pick-ups were scheduled but cancelled.  Nov 1 – Naomi Makemie Church near Horntown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sue to follow up with Little Pungo Ruritan about a potential “pick-up”</li> </ul>	Sue Terre Mark
<b>Events to Promote WW</b>  Potential events to disseminate WW info: 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> </ul>	Virginia  Heather & Virginia
<b>Web Site</b> Information about the Children’s Essay contest has been added to the website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post updates as needed</li> <li>Post meeting minutes</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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect completed forms first week in November.</li> </ul>	Marilyn

Northampton does not require approval. Distributed the materials to the schools the week of September 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solicit volunteers to judge the essays.</li> <li>Consider November 15 for Judging the submissions and Amarin Coffee House for the location</li> </ul>	
<b>Storage unit.</b> Moved items from the existing unit to the new storage unit. Need combination – Marilyn to send an email	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further action – close this item</li> </ul>	
<b>Fee for Plastic Bags</b> 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 did not join the October call but will try to get some data on cities that have already implemented the program. 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"> <li>Consider distribution of reusable bags at events</li> <li>Sue to report on data at the next meeting.</li> <li>Consider a presentation for the Supervisors after the litter survey.</li> </ul>	Sue
<b>Recycling Efforts</b> 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. Re-energize a plan to recognize businesses for recycling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate with Heather on a date.</li> <li>Schedule a meeting with Dr Miller</li> <li>Brainstorm simple methods to recognize business that are implementing good practice for recycling – January agenda.</li> </ul>	Marilyn Sue
<b>New Business:</b>		
September minutes approved.as written	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.</li> </ul>	Marilyn
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<b>Accomplishments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you notes sent to individuals that contributed funds in Paul's memory</li> <li>Moved items in existing storage unit to new storage unit on Fairgrounds Road (unit number 229)</li> <li>Ad in the Post to solicit volunteers for road pick-ups</li> </ul> <b>Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sue to give a presentation on Recycling for Adult Learning at ESCC on Oct 10.</li> <li>Children's Essay Contest</li> <li>Attend the County Farm Day – October 22</li> </ul> <b>Future Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open House – date and content TBD</li> <li>Program to acknowledge businesses for recycling efforts.</li> <li>Support proposals for plastic bag fees or determine other ways to decrease plastic bag usage.</li> </ul>		
<b>Next Meeting: November 12, 2025</b>		