



Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore Committee Meeting

July 9, 2025

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Attendees:	Marilyn Ailes Sue Mastyl Virginia Schneider	Heather Jorgensen Paul Muhly
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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:		
July Balance \$ 7240.98 Funding from Northampton County was tentatively approved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to recruit a Treasurer 	Marilyn
Old Business:		
Public Works funded Pick-ups Pickup with ESCC Biology was completed on June 14. Total payment to ESCC was \$490.00. No update on the ad for the Post.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VDOT sent a list of the "Adopt a Road" participants to Mark. Consider an ad/letter in the Post thanking all participants. Terre to check with Mark about the ad. 	Terre Mark
Events to Promote WW Potential events to disseminate WW info: Blueberry Festival – July 24-26 Try to make our participation in events more interactive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine future events for WW participation Need "trash talkers" to be available for schools and events – add Heather as a possible trash talker. 	Virginia Marilyn
Unified Recycling Message Need to determine level of interest from the Counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table this event for discussion at a later time. Delete this action item. 	Sue

Web Site The old WW website has been replaced with the new WW website. Virginia to meet with the program designer next week for tutorial on how to post new information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post a message on FB about the website. 	Virginia Eddie
Education and Presentations Sue Mastyl gave a presentation to the Onancock Ruritans. Next education event is the Children's essay contest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See new business for info on the essay contest. 	
Storage unit. We have acquired a mini storage unit on Fairgrounds Road in Onancock-the number is 229. The cost of the unit has been paid for the year. Suggest a combination lock to secure the unit. Paul will donate a lock and provide the combination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move items from the existing unit to the new storage unit – consider a date when the weather is cooler with no rain. 	Marilyn
Earth Day Members of WW do not believe this is an event that we can manage at this time with our limited membership and resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Paul Berge with suggestions of groups or individuals that may be able to assume Earth Day coordination. 	Marilyn
New Business:		
May minutes approved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes 	Marilyn
Welcome Heather Jorgenson. Heather is interested in joining WW and helping with school outreach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action needed 	
Children's Essay Contest Possible questions: K-5 – “What do you think happens to the trash people throw along the road”. Grades 6-12 – “What effect does roadside litter have on the following people- Farmers, Waterman, Realtor, Tourist.”. Consider adding something like “how can I help to change the problem.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get approval from the Accomack School system. Submit essay forms to the schools. 	Marilyn
Thank You Consider sending the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Department Cadets a thank you note and a check for their recent road clean-up that was published in the Post. Motion approved to send a check for \$150.00.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the group to use our “Clean Our Roads” program in the future. 	Marilyn
Cancel the August meeting due to vacations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the website 	Virginia
Fee for Plastic Bags 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider distribution of reusable bags. Consider a presentation for the County Supervisors. Sue to join the calls and provide a report at the next meeting. 	Sue
Trailer parks are not required to provide trash bins/dumpsters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to research how that could become a requirement. 	

<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Fairfax County about their incineration program – cost, pros, cons.. 	<p>Paul</p>
<p>Accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation to the Onancock Ruritans • Road pick-up completed by ESCC on June 14 • New website posted. • Obtained a new storage unit on Fairgrounds Road <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move items in existing storage unit to new storage unit • Attend the Blueberry Festival • Children’s essay contest. <p>Future Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open House – date and content TBD • Program to acknowledge businesses for recycling efforts. • Support proposals for plastic bag fees. 		
<p>Next Meeting: September 10, 2025</p>		