



**Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore
Committee Meeting**

**January 14, 2026
11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

Attendees:	Marilyn Ailes	Sue Mastyl
	Terri Hendricks	
	Virginia Schneider	Amy Kay Hines

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
Treasurers Report:		
November Balance \$ 8014.37 January Balance \$ 6729.98 Need IRS 990-N to complete taxes WW dues reminder for 2026. Also ask if there are individuals that would be willing to support WW as program manager for business recognition, classroom recycling, plastic bag elimination, etc. Also need to conduct a search for a potential president elect. Terri Hendricks to assist with Treasurer responsibility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northampton budget submission for next fiscal year. • E-mail for 2026 dues • E-mail to members requesting support for the organization. • Complete tax forms 	Marilyn
Old Business:		
Public Works funded Pick-ups Nov 22 – Pick-up was canceled due to weather. Contract is being reissued for roadwork pick-ups. PW wants to renegotiate the reimbursement for tire pick-ups due to the cost of tire disposal. Will need to specify a cost for tire pick-ups. Propose \$10.00 per tire in the proposal (\$5 for individual and \$5 for WW) Need to consider a litter pick-up in Northampton County this Spring Ask Public Works rep to attend our next meeting to discuss road clean ups. Heather to organize a group of students to pick up litter on Chincoteague. Will need to get a permit – contact Mark.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue to follow up with Little Pungo-Ruritan about a potential “pick-up” • Provide Heather with equipment for road pick-up. • Submit proposal to Accomack County for Operation Our Clean Roads. • Contact PW to see if someone can attend our next meeting 	Sue Terre Mark Marilyn

<p>Events to Promote WW</p> <p>Potential events to disseminate WW info: None at this time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine future events for WW participation • 	Virginia
<p>Web Site</p> <p>Domain name expires March 19. WasteWatchers website has been suspended. Need to investigate. Determine if information/contacts from other organizations should be posted on WW website – need to be selective based on content and applicability to WW.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact owner of the website server to determine why the site has been suspended. • Need to secure the domain name 	Virginia
<p>Children’s Essay Contest</p> <p>One winner was unable to read the essay on the radio. Essays are currently being broadcast on WESR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further action – close this item. 	Marilyn
<p>Fee for Plastic Bags</p> <p>Virginia Plastic Pollution Prevention Network has implemented calls to encourage imposing a plastic bag fee that goes to a litter fund. Richmond has adopted the fee. Sue to continue to participate on calls when possible to gather data and report to this committee. Rather than mounting an effort to get the Counties to approve a bag fee consider education to change behavior – signage “remember your bag”.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider distribution of reusable bags at events – prefer canvas bags. • Sue to continue to monitor meetings. • Consider a presentation for the Supervisors after the litter survey. 	Sue
<p>Recycling Efforts</p> <p>Heather Jorgenson would like to meet with Doctor Miller – Accomack School District, to discuss recycling. Need to determine how recycled items get to the convenience center. Does the school have a central bin? Re-energize a plan to recognize businesses for recycling.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule a meeting with Dr Miller- meeting is still pending • Brainstorm simple methods to recognize business that are implementing good practice for recycling. • Sue to ask Pungoteague elementary school how they handle recycling 	Marilyn Sue
<p>Consider a tour of Eagle Recycling in Salisbury</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the company to arrange a tour 	Sue
<p>Recognition</p> <p>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. Need to identify requirements for recognition. Determine if WESR would consider a monthly talk forum recognizing businesses that promote recycling and litter prevention.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider communication with the organizer to see if we can assist with any future clean-ups • Talk to WESR 	Marilyn
<p>New Business:</p>		
<p>November minutes approved.as written</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Marilyn
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Accomplishments

- Completed the Children's essay contest
- Sue sent a letter to the Post and Virginia Pilot to encourage folks to contact their representatives to have the bill retracted that is trying to repeal the ban on Styrofoam.

Next Steps

- Northampton budget submission
- Dues collection
- Sue to present an Adult Lifetime learning lecture on recycling in March at ESCC
- Operation Clean Our Roads proposal

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: Next meeting February 11, 2026