



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

**February 11, 2026
11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

Attendees:	Marilyn Ailes	Sue Mastyl
	Terri Hendricks	Jalan Anderson
	Virginia Schneider	
	Betty Martin	Stewart Hall

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:		
January Balance \$ 6729.98 February Balance \$ 6729.98 WW dues reminder for 2026 sent 2/2/26. Sent email on 2/2/26 to all members seeking volunteers that would be willing to support WW as a program manager for business recognition, classroom recycling, plastic bag elimination, etc. Also need to conduct a search for a potential president elect. Northampton budget submission completed IRS 990-N submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to promote the "Operation Our Clean Roads" program. Northampton budget presentation on Feb 24 	Marilyn
Old Business:		
Public Works funded Pick-ups New bid for PW pick-up contract submitted Jan 26,2026. PW recommended the pick-up contract be awarded to WW Stewart Hall attended this meeting. Heather to conduct a pick-up with students in Chincoteague – date TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Heather with equipment for road pick-up and permit information. If a high traffic road is heavily littered contact VDOT and Tristen Wagner 	Heather Mark
Events to Promote WW Plan for Spring and Summer events – Earth Day, Blueberry Festival, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine future events for WW participation 	Virginia

<p>Web Site</p> <p>Domain name expires March 19.</p> <p>Waste Watchers website is up and running. The host for the server has been changed. Virginia donated 150.00 to secure the server for one year.</p> <p>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"> • Need to secure the domain name 	Virginia
<p>Fee for Plastic Bags</p> <p>Rather than mounting an effort to get the Counties to approve a bag fee consider education to change behavior – signage “remember your bag”.</p> <p>If VA Beach and Norfolk initiate a campaign, consider championing that program on the Eastern Shore.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider distribution of reusable bags at events – prefer canvas bags. • Consider a presentation for the Board of Supervisors after the litter survey. 	Sue Marilyn
<p>Recycling Efforts</p> <p>Heather Jorgenson would like to meet with Doctor Miller – Accomack School District, to discuss recycling.</p> <p>Need to determine how recycled items get to the convenience center. Does the school have a central bin?</p> <p>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>Recycling Center Tour</p> <p>Determine if WW can tour the Eagle recycling facility in Salisbury.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewart Hall to determine if a tour is feasible. 	Stewart Hall
<p>Business Recognition</p> <p>Need to identify requirements for recognition.</p> <p>Determine if WESR would consider a monthly talk forum recognizing businesses that promote recycling and litter prevention.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to WESR 	Marilyn
<p>New Business:</p>		
<p>January minutes approved.as written</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . 	Marilyn
<p>4H Representative</p> <p>Accomack County agent (Jalan Anderson) for the 4H group attended the meeting. The group is interested in outreach and helping the community. Provided information on “Operation Our Clean Roads”.</p> <p>Jalan would like to start a junior Master Gardeners program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out to determine a date/time for participation in Operation Our Clean Roads Contact email: Janderson24@vt.edu 	Terri
<p>Litter Alert</p> <p>Call Brook at VDOT for highly littered roads that require flagging.</p> <p>Can also notify Tristin Wagner in PW.</p> <p>Stewart reported that PW is fully staffed. 11 tons of litter was picked up in one month compared to 5 tons in previous months.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank folks that you encounter picking up litter 	

<p>Electronic disposal Cell phones will be accepted at any convenience center. All other electronics should go to Parksley convenience center.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate convenience center personnel on the electronic requirements 	<p>Stewart Hall</p>
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<p>Accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted "Operation Our Clean Roads" proposal To Public Works for contract to pick up litter (IFB#771) • Completed tax requirements • Submitted budget request to Northampton County • Web-site server issue resolved <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue dues collection • Sue to present an Adult Lifetime learning lecture on recycling in March at ESCC • Sue to give a recycling presentation to Accomack Women's Club in March • Litter Survey in March • Consider a grant for future initiatives <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 or determine other ways to decrease plastic bag usage – consider a "Bring your Bag Campaign" 		
<p>Next Meeting: Next meeting March 11, 2026</p>		