



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

**March 11, 2026
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
Treasures Report:		
February Balance \$ 7679.98 Deposits 70.00 March Balance \$7749.98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to promote the "Operation Our Clean Roads" program. 	Marilyn
Old Business:		
<p>Public Works funded Pick-ups</p> <p>Have not received formal notification of award for litter pick-up contract.</p> <p>Heather to conduct a pick-up with students in Chincoteague – date TBD – no update.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Heather with equipment for road pick-up and permit information. Re initiate Post ads for litter pick-ups Provide information to the Accomack Women's Club for litter pick-ups 	<p>Heather</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>Sue</p>
<p>Events to Promote WW</p> <p>Plan for Spring and Summer events: Earth Day – April 25 Chincoteague Seafood Festival – May 2 Clean the Bay Day – May 2 Open Farm Day at Brownsville Preserve – May 2 Art and Music on the Farm – May 23 Blueberry Festival – July 23 Saxis Oyster Festival - October.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virginia to participate in 2nd grader's Nature walk on May 6 at Brownsville Preserve. Sue to see if she can attend Earth Day on April 25. Will let Marilyn know. Determine if we want to participate in Clean the Bay Day. 	<p>Virginia</p> <p>Sue</p>

<p>Web Site Domain name expires March 19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to secure the domain name 	Virginia
<p>Fee for Plastic Bags Rather than mounting an effort to get the Counties to approve a bag fee consider education to change behavior – signage “remember your bag”. If VA Beach and Norfolk initiate a campaign, consider championing that program on the Eastern Shore.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a presentation for the Board of Supervisors after the litter survey. • Determine if the Green Grant submission could be used to support this initiative. 	Marilyn Terri
<p>Recycling Efforts Heather Jorgenson would like to meet with Doctor Miller – Accomack School District, to discuss recycling. No update Need to determine how recycled items get to the convenience center. Does the school have a central bin?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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. • Sue to follow-up on tour 	Stewart Hall
<p>Business Recognition 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"> • Talk to WESR • Also consider this initiative as a possible submission for the Green Grant 	Marilyn
<p>4H Representative Accomack County agent (Jalan Anderson) for the 4H group has selected dates for road pick-ups. Terri to provide more information at our next meeting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide dates and location of potential road pick-ups. 	Terri
New Business:		
February minutes approved with one change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accomack Women’s Club meeting will be in April not March 	Marilyn
Keep America Beautiful Green Grant awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the program that could best benefit from a grant. 	Terri
Convenience Centers will be closed on all 15 holidays not just TG and CH.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public notification 	
<p>Litter Surveys Past litter surveys are showing an upward trend. Need to consider a program/open house to collaborate with County agencies to determine an action plan to address the problem. See if the Commonwealth Attorney might attend. Motion made and carried to submit a letter to the County Sheriffs’ office to help with “Cover Your Load” laws</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine if anyone is willing to manage this initiative. • Draft a letter to the County Sheriffs’ office requesting support to enforce “cover your load” laws. 	Marilyn Virginia

Accomplishments

- Recycling article in Post on March 6 mentions litter surveys conducted by Waste Watchers
- Northampton budget presentation on Feb 24
- 2024 – Litter Pick-up Program – 6 groups picked up 137 bags of trash and 41 tires.

Next Steps

- 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 April
- Litter Survey - March 19 and 20
- Apply for the Keep America Beautiful Grant – submission due date is April 30.

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 – consider a “Bring your Bag Campaign”

Next Meeting: Next meeting April 8, 2026