



Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore Committee Meeting

July 8, 2026

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

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:		
May Balance \$ 6893.21 Deposits – dues and contributions 50.00 PW reimbursement 650.00 Withdrawals for Pick-ups (245.00) Storage (780.00) ES Post ad (390.00) July Balance \$ 6178.21	Awaiting budget disbursement from Northampton County	Marilyn
Old Business:		
Public Works funded Pick-ups 4H Club pick-up in June - done	- Continue advertising for pick-ups - Next pick-ups are July 18 and August 15	Terri Mark
Events to Promote WW Plan for Spring and Summer events: Blueberry Festival – July 23 Saxis Oyster Festival - October	- Determine if a table can be set up at events to promote Waste Watchers. - Betty to talk to her daughter about possible fund raiser opportunities	Virginia Betty
Fee for Plastic Bags There is a film “We are all Plastic People”. Can we schedule a screening of the film. Consider this as a possible open-house event to increase awareness of the potential dangers from plastic	- Consider a presentation for the Board of Supervisors - Consider a showing the film at ESCC or the Roseland Theater - determine cost of a location for the filming	Sue Sue

Instead of a fee, State is considering allowing localities to ban plastic bags.		
Remember your Bag Requested funds to support bags for distribution from the Green Grant Award We were not awarded the Green Grant	No further action	
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? There is a gray bin at Pungoteague for recycled materials but not sure who picks up the bin. Shore Christian Academy is interested in starting a recycling program.	- Sue to call Davis Disposal to determine if they dispose of any school recycling material. - Marilyn to offer containers to Shore Christian Academy to support their recycling efforts	Sue Marilyn
Eagle Recycling Center Tour Tour completed June 10 Eagle has a significant cardboard recycling program Could not determine their service area Conveyor belt broken – need to hand sort everything	No further action.	Sue
Green Grants Keep America Beautiful Green Grant awards application was sent. Grant was not awarded. Green Grant award needs polishing if we wish to try again next year	No further action	Terri
Children's Contest-Recycled Art Consider a contest for kids that would encourage creating new items from recycled materials. - Develop a brochure with info and instructions - Research locations to host the event - Determine awards - Post info/ad in ES Post to promote the event	- Table the discussion about a contest for a later time. - Consider a book to educate folks on ways to recycle or reuse items	Jalan Betty
New Business:		
May minutes approved		Marilyn
Styrofoam No longer legal in VA. July 1 is the deadline. There will be a fine. Violations go through the town or County. Difficult to enforce violations	Help organizations and businesses to comply with the ban through communication.	All WW members
Children's Essay Contest Grade school question: "What do you do to reduce, reuse, or recycle plastic bags" High school question: "What suggestion do you have to eliminate plastic bags"	High school - consider just saying "reduce or eliminate use" of plastic bags. Essay should provide a suggestion for elimination.	

Accomplishments

- Litter pick-up completed by 4H in June
- Toured Eagle recycling center in Salisbury on June 10
- Sue Mastyl was appointed to the Solid Waste Committee

Next Steps

- Brainstorm plan for Children's Recycled Art Contest or plan for a book to educate folks on reuse.
- Continue to determine/support recycling efforts in the County Schools
- July 18 and August 15 scheduled pick-ups

Future Initiatives

- Open House – date and content TBD – Could be the Children's Art contest or viewing of film on "We are all Plastic People"
- Support proposals for plastic bag fees or determine other ways to decrease plastic bag usage.

Next Meeting: Next meeting – August 12, 2026