



Waste Watchers of the Eastern Shore Committee Meeting

September 9, 2026

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Attendees:

Marilyn Ailes
Jalan Anderson
Virginia Schneider

Sue Mastyl
Hayleigh Bradbury
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:		
July \$5528.21 Advertising -390.00 Accomack payment 650.00 Pickup (Mr. Strand) -93.33 Pickup (Mr. Hendry) -46.66 August \$5648.22 Post Box rental -90.00 Northampton contribution and dues 1320.00 Accomack payment 310.00 Insurance -187.00 September \$7001.22	Get check signed for the State Farm insurance	Marilyn
Old Business:		
Public Works funded Pick-ups July 18 – Strand and Hendry - completed August 15 – need to get a report next month if this was done	No other scheduled pick-ups at this time	Terri Mark
Events to Promote WW Plan for Spring and Summer events: Blueberry Festival – July 24 – Done Saxis Oyster Festival – October 17 ESCC Career Day – October 22 Exmore Fall Festival	- 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 – fund raiser for WW is probably not an option at this time.	Virginia Betty

Fee for Plastic Bags There is a film “We are all Plastic People”. Consider this as a possible open-house event to increase awareness of the potential dangers from plastic Ask local Supervisors to attend the film showing. Consider a joint showing with CBES Localities can impose a 5-cent fee for use of plastic bags. Instead of a fee, the State is considering allowing localities to ban plastic bags.	- Consider showing the film at ESCC or the Roseland Theater - determine cost of a location for the filming. - Determine date - Invite County Supervisors - Coordinate with CBES	Sue Sue
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? Try to determine if the Convenience Centers are actually recycling electronics	- 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. - Ask the Solid Waste Committee if there are any statistics on the amount of electronics that are recycled	Sue Marilyn Sue
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	- Contest could be a future initiative – may be a good grant project. - Consider a book to educate folks on ways to recycle or reuse items. - Betty to get info on how to make rope out of plastic bags.	Jalan Betty
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. Businesses seem to be complying with the ban.	No further action	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” Accomack schools will not accept non-government forms/handouts. Northampton schools and private schools will receive handouts for completion of the essay. Committee approved the use of WW funds to run an ad in the paper about the contest.	- Create a newspaper ad about the essay contest since Accomack schools will not accept the forms - Distribute essay forms the end of September	Marilyn

New Business:		
July minutes approved	•	Marilyn
ESCC Mentor request Students select projects for potential business opportunities and community involvement. A student would like to pursue Waste Management (Course is Small Business Management). The student will have Mark as a mentor. ESCC Career Fair Oct 22	- Suggest touching base with Davis Disposal - Case study on the use of AI to sort trash - Consider having a WW table at the fair	Mark
McMath Project Suggestions for Making VA Eastern Shore a Better Place in Which to Live Project done by George McMath – 10 suggestions were directed at the litter problem.	Consider contacting Mr McMath to seek WW representation on the committee he plans to create.	Virginia
Accomplishments - ShoreLine article about not putting plastic bags in the recycle bins (Sue Mastyl) - Betty created a game using recycled aluminum foil to demonstrate how items can be reused - July 18 road pick up - Distributed WW literature at the Blueberry Festival 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 - Viewing of film on "We are all Plastic People." Consider a joint screening with the CBES Future Initiatives - Open House – date and content TBD – Could be the Children's Art contest - Support proposals for plastic bag fees or determine other ways to decrease plastic bag usage. - Determine if WW would like to apply for the Green Grants award next year.		
Next Meeting: Next meeting – October 14, 2026		