

## Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 8/18/2025

### In attendance:

#### Board members:

Bill Rappoport, Brad Knopf, Jeanne Klinger, Jennifer Connor, Marcia Dudley, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger, Larry Jennings, Betsy Jackson, Alison Sayres

#### Guests:

Rose Mary Stocker, Christy Fowler

### Call to order: 7:01p.m.

1. The July CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's report:
  - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
    - i. General Fund: \$33,864
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. BOG Meeting: Stacey attended the BOG meeting.
    - i. Some repairs at Lake Claire have been done. More at Deep Creek will be done in October.
    - ii. The center median on Green Holly entering the community has been paved over to make maintenance easier.
    - iii. Movie night on August 22, 2025, at Main Beach.
    - iv. As of now the County is still claiming the sand from the Little Magothy dredge. There is still a possibility that we will get future sand from the Lake Placid dredge.
    - v. Local women-owned business has done site visits and will start design work to have some plans for continued work on the five sites.
    - vi. Community still has some outstanding VMPs and mitigation planning needs to be done. Board wants to close some of these out since there is tree work that needs to get done. They are considering some plantings on the dog leg of Little Magothy View.
      1. Phil mentioned that there is some work on Magothy Circle where a previously overgrown lot has been completely cleared for construction. There is some sediment coming off the property and not because of the construction. County has been contacted because it involves a legacy drainpipe that goes through the bulkhead. This could be the time to address the issue while the whole lot is cleared.
  - b. Conservation Crew: Work continues on. This week will be at Serene Ravine. Providence Center was giving away some rocks and Karen went and picked them all up. We will find something to do with it.
  - c. Big Trees: No updates on Big Trees.
  - d. Garden Advisory: Larry is trying to get in to measure Brendan Curran's lot. Now that we have the plant price list, planning can move forward. Planting will be in the circle of his driveway as well as other spots.
  - e. Grants: No updates.
  - f. Corporate Sponsors: Marcia will check on Donnelley's. She spoke with a manager who indicated they would likely continue to sponsor but the owner was not in.

- g. Habitat Heroes: Stacey reached out to the friend of Betsy who Betsy nominated. Stacey will make arrangements to go over and take a look.
- h. Learning libraries: Tonya said there is some sort of nest, likely wasps, in the library at Serene Ravine. No vandalism or theft lately. Supplies are stocked.

#### 4. Old Business:

- a. Upcoming events:
  - i. Broadneck Grill fundraiser this week
  - ii. Plant deliveries will be Friday, September 19, 2025, 7 am.
  - iii. Plant sale September 20, 2025
  - iv. Tree delivery will hopefully be October 10, 2025, delivered to Little Magothy. Planting day and tree pickup will be October 11, 2025. As of now, Stacey is ordering 102 trees: 62 free trees for 33 households. 28 are for restoration at Little Magothy and Serene Ravine, and 12 that have been purchased. Extra plants have also been ordered to be planted with these trees. They are arriving at the same time as the plants for the plant sale so they will need to be maintained between the sale and the planting day.
  - v. November 7, 2025 – fall speaker will be Joan Maloof. Her fee was \$500 but well worth it. She has books on old growth forest. She should be a great draw. This will bring in more people to bid on the auction items. Larry mentioned that there is an old growth forest in the Wye River area. We can print out the map of the big trees in the community on a presentation board.
- b. Mosquito bucket challenge: This is going well. It has been promoted on the Facebook page and Rosemary delivers them. We have 9 entries for the drawing.
- c. New t-shirts: John suggested we get moisture wicking CCC t-shirts. Stacey will collect sizes tonight so they can be ordered. They will be Carolina Blue.

#### 5. New Business:

- a. Do we want to do spring ephemeral boxes again? Stacey felt like it was a success this past year. If anyone has suggestions for what should be included we can switch things up if there is interest/demand. Rachel will want to get them ordered and start the growing this fall.
- b. Plant sale: Plants are on order and we have a two page list that is accurate as of now. The order this year has smaller quantities but more species. Prices are \$9 for gallons, \$6 for quarts, \$35 for shrubs.
  - i. We will have the set up the same as last year. We need some directional signs so that people don't skip the tallies before they go to pay.
  - ii. Going to create some boxes of plants that enjoy the same conditions so that they can be sold as a box by someone who is interested in planting them together.
  - iii. Stacey is planning to get shirts for the plant experts so that they clearly stand out. Brad will get prices from the t-shirt vendor and to compare with Ali doing the shirts with her cricut machine.
  - iv. Plant order total is 16K.
  - v. Hoping for Baywise to be at the sale; Unity Gardens, Magothy River Association, and other experts will be present.
  - vi. Promotion is happening on social media and the signboard has been reserved.
  - vii. Brad already has the flyers
  - viii. New plant signs are being made by Jill.

- ix. Price tags for the plugs and shrubs will be done by Jeanne and Betsy.
  - x. Katherine is working on sun/shade type information for the plants.
  - xi. Plants will be delivered on Friday, set up and the sale on Saturday. Hopefully cleanup will be easy as this will be a sell out!
  - xii. Bill has the stakes and a canopy. Mary said we can use the tables and Phil will coordinate with her. Phil will bring the large canopy, table and chairs for the cashiers. Karen will bring 6 chairs. Everyone get boxes as you can. Stacey has clipboards, pencils, and tally sheets.
  - xiii. Both Friday and Saturday arrival time is 7 am.
- c. Bylaws – Discussion:
- i. Marcia wants to add something about education/informing to our purpose.
  - ii. Jeanne wanted to clarify that things in bold in Phil’s draft are suggestions for things to be removed.
  - iii. Turns out that Phil’s formatting didn’t translate to everyone in his email so he will print hard copies for everyone and bring them to next month’s meeting.

## 6. Other

- a. Bill looked at the treasurer report and noticed that we paid \$300 for Philadelphia insurance. Confirmed that it is our liability insurance. Bill would like to take a look at the policy. Phil will email Bill a copy.
- b. Christy has a bunch of big cardboard for weed smothering. Jen will coordinate and pick it up when we are ready for it.
- c. Stacey said that the new neighbors in Suzanne’s house have ripped out a ton of bushkiller and plants alongside Serene Ravine. They have put down loads of cardboard and covered the area with woodchips. They still have some work to do and we can focus on the fence and our side of their fence. Jeanne spoke with them the last time she was there. The residents are doing all of the work in the evening after their kids are in bed. They did cut down some of the Pokeweed because of the toxicity to their kids. Marcia suggested that we move on to a new area at Serene Ravine this fall with the large cardboard that Christy has.
- d. Larry announced a memorial for Margarete at Goshen on September 20, 2025, from 4-6.
- e. Betsy asked if the plant list could be done alphabetically by the common name for the plant sale.
- f. Stacey mentioned that George Mauer gave his presentation for us to distribute and Bill Szczytko is working to make it in a workable format. This will go under the “Learning” tab on the website.
- g. Phil has talked with Frank about securing the projector and screen for the fall speaker event.
- h. Brad mentioned previously that the Oyster Nursery was sinking but it has been fixed by Grayson Kershner who jacked it up and fixed it so it will last another year or so. Now the pump is starting to fail but we have some time on that. Rob Corletta has been doing a ton of work at the oyster nursery.

Adjourned 8:28 p.m.