

## Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 9/15/2025

### In attendance:

#### Board members:

Bill Rappoport, Brad Knopf, Jeanne Klinger, Jennifer Connor, Marcia Dudley, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger, Larry Jennings, Tonya Powell

#### Guests:

Rose Mary Stocker, Carol Collison, Robert Corletta, John Runyon

Call to order: 7:09 p.m.

1. The August CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's report:
  - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
    - i. General Fund: \$28,839
    - ii. Phil received a \$500 donation from Cathy Gazzo as a sponsorship renewal
    - iii. Check from Broadneck Grill for \$223
    - iv. We have paid out for t-shirts, scholarships, trees, plants from Providence for the sale, and some of the cleaning fees for the clubhouse for 2026.
    - v. Donnelley's sent \$250 renewal sponsorship
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. BOG Meeting: Stacey attended the BOG meeting.
    - i. MDE permits for sand placement from a dredge are still undecided.
    - ii. Deep Creek for replacement of piers will be repaired this fall.
    - iii. Fred Graul passed away and there may be a memorial later.
    - iv. Coastal resources was selected to do the five-site planning and have been doing some assessments but the Board does not yet have anything from them.
    - v. October is the quarterly meeting and the budget will be presented. They are proposing that the SCBD go up a bit.
    - vi. Last Cape Vibes was yesterday.
    - vii. Goshen is having their goodie sale this Saturday from 10-2 in addition to our plant sale.
  - b. Conservation Crew: Work continues on. We got student volunteers now that kids are back in school. No weed warriors this week but Stacey and Jeanne will be doing plant boxes at Providence in advance of the sale. Next week is at Serene Ravine and at least 5 students are signed up. Last week two boys worked on placing rocks along the path.
  - c. Big Trees: Trees will be delivered on October 10. Stacey will send a sign-up sheet around. They will be delivered to Little Magothy. 103 trees total. They will be put at the end. We will plant trees there on Saturday October 11 along with pickup day. Some will go to Serene Ravine and can be moved on Friday. They will be planted later, maybe when we mulch. Some bags of mulch were ordered so that the people that ordered trees can have one bag of mulch each. There will be deer protection there that people can take if they want it.
  - d. Garden Advisory: Brendan Curran liked Larry's plan and Larry will send Stacey the latest spreadsheet. Will be an \$850 order.
  - e. Grants: No updates.

- f. Corporate Sponsors: Donnelly's and Cathy Gazzo renewed their corporate sponsorships.
- g. Learning libraries: Things continue to get stolen including a journal that had a really nice drawing in it. Someone added books that have nothing to do with our theme. Tonya has picked up a few additional items at BooksAMillion.

#### 4. Old Business:

##### a. Upcoming events:

- i. Plant deliveries will be Friday, September 19, 2025, 7 am.
- ii. Plant sale September 20, 2025
- iii. Tree delivery invoice has been paid. Delivery will be October 10, 2025, delivered to Little Magothy. Planting day and tree pickup will be October 11, 2025. Extra plants that were ordered to be planted with the trees will arrive this Friday and Stacey will help get the plants to Marcia and Jeanne so that they can be watered until they are planted.
- iv. Mulching on 10/25 and 11/1 to be completed. Serene Ravine on 10/25. We can lay down big cardboard and then mulch.
- v. November 7, 2025 – fall speaker Joan Maloof. Stacey has asked people to donate items for the silent auction again. Encouraged art to be related to old growth trees but the art does not have to be of anything in particular.

b. Mosquito bucket challenge: We have 9 entries for the drawing. The winner was Elizabeth Barthel and she will get a \$25 gift certificate for the plant sale.

c. New t-shirts: Stacey distributed them tonight.

#### 5. New Business:

- a. Broadneck Grill fundraiser – new manager has confirmed our next date is 10/15.
- b. Ren Fest fundraiser was this past weekend and CCC will get over \$300 in tips from it.
- c. Spring ephemeral boxes can be discussed next month.
- d. By-laws: Phil brought copies that show the track changes. The first black paragraph is how the by-laws currently read, the red is the proposed change.
  - i. Marcia proposed that we add something about volunteerism and education to 1.1.
  - ii. Change board turnover to just having an election every three years.
  - iii. Terms for officers will not be fixed but officers will be in place until they resign or a successor comes along.
  - iv. Remove a limitation of guest speaking for more than three minutes.
  - v. Executive committee – we don't really use it but it exists if we need it.
  - vi. Phil indicated that he has never had the financials officially audited but also that we aren't required to have it done.
  - vii. Removing extra duties that committees are currently tasked with doing but we don't do such as new member orientation. Only keeping the activities that we actually do.
  - viii. Phil added to 13.5 that financial and board meeting records must be maintained for a minimum of three years or dissolution. Previously it read as if records would be maintained forever.
  - ix. Proposal to cut some of the more complicated parts of dissolution in 18.1. Phil has previously dissolved a non-profit and it was fairly simple so the complex language here is not required. He added that any non-profit to receive money from CCC in the event of dissolution must be for the protection of the environment.

- x. Jeanne moved to approve the proposed by-law changes. Larry seconded the motion. They were passed unanimously subject to an updated typo and Marcia's proposed language.
- e. Plant sale:
  - i. Plenty of volunteers signed up including high school students.
  - ii. Plenty of experts on hand to help and speak.
  - iii. Corral for tallying as usual. Ali and Bill have it down to a science. New tally sheets are printed and with Ali. They are color coded to match the plants. We need twine – Jeanne and Marcia have some.
  - iv. Stacey will be posting on social media all week.
  - v. John will be providing 70 boxes along with other boxes people are bringing. Stacey has tape to put the boxes back together on Saturday morning.
  - vi. Signage – Brad has done beautiful artwork that explains the grab and go plants and prices with pictures.
  - vii. Stacey and Jeanne are putting together the grab and go boxes which cost \$90. Jeff Popp did a design – one for shade and one for sun. It shows how to plant the plants. Only making 5 of each box to see how they sell this year since they are new.
  - viii. Set up: we are going to organize by sun requirements. All full sun plants will be together. Stacey has already identified how many tables are needed for each section so that set up will go easy because everyone knows how many tables are needed for each section and then the plants can be pulled for that section. Brad has made signs that explain the set up.
    - 1. Full sun – will be set up in full sun toward Broadview. Will wrap around from there.
    - 2. Sun to part shade
    - 3. Part shade
    - 4. Part to full shade
    - 5. Shrubs will be separated from everything else but with each other.
  - ix. Jill Fairley has continued to make plant signs to identify the plants for organization.
  - x. Bill has 80 stakes to put up the signs.
  - xi. There will be color coded price signs in plexiglass holders: quarts \$6, gallons \$9, etc. Shrubs are \$35 for 3 gallon and \$15 for 1 gallon.
  - xii. Arrive at 7 am for set up both days.
  - xiii. Snafu with North Creek. They were going to ship on September 22. Stacey fixed it and they are coming by FedEx and not on a truck. They are going to Jeanne's house and should hopefully be there Wednesday.
  - xiv. A few adjustments on plants have been made last minute since some plants were not looking good. Others look great. If necessary, rough looking plants will be kept for planting and not sold.
  - xv. Jeanne did the price tags. Karen and Jeanne hung signs. Brads signs are already along Cape St. Claire Road.
  - xvi. Saturday we need twine, staple guns, and stakes. Talliers work best in pairs.
  - xvii. Phil and Sandy will take credit, cash, and checks.
  - xviii. Richards has ordered more bags as a sponsor gift but they might not be here in time.

## 6. Other

- a. Phil emailed an article to the Board from the Nature Conservancy that is all about reviving the Bay and oyster restoration.

- b. Larry reminded the group of the memorial for his late wife at Goshen from 4-6 this Saturday.
- c. Marcia suggested we put a photo of the otter up to show people that their volunteerism counts and creates a habitat for the little cutie.

Adjourned 8:33 p.m.