

## Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 12/15/2025

### In attendance:

#### Board members:

Bill Rappoport, Brad Knopf, Jennifer Connor, Marcia Dudley, Phil Ourisson, Betsy Jackson, Larry Jennings, Karen Minor, Alison Sayres, Tonya Powell, Stacey Wildberger

#### Guests:

Cathy Gazzo, Cristy Fowler

### Call to order: 7:06 p.m.

1. The November CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's report:
  - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
    - i. General Fund: \$40,697.
3. Committee Reports:
  - a. BOG Meeting: Stacey attended the BOG meeting.
    - i. It was mentioned that work was completed near the Blue Ridge/Hilltop intersection.
    - ii. Fairwinds has no updates other than they intend to continue moving forward with plans.
    - iii. Deep Creek Pier work was to continue this week.
    - iv. Coastal Resources did not present at the last meeting, but they have been talking with Laura Todd and the first round of design at 30% is complete. They will hopefully present at the January meeting.
  - b. Conservation Crew: No updates.
  - c. Big Trees: No updates.
  - d. Garden Advisory: Beau's mom has the cardboard boxes but unsure if she has had woodchips delivered yet. Larry also considering an article about putting down cardboard, leaves, and woodchips for 9 months and then you are ready for the plant sale.
  - e. Grants: No updates.
  - f. Corporate Sponsors: Graul's has signed on, but there are a couple of others that have not responded.
  - g. Habitat Heroes: No updates.
  - h. Learning libraries: Small theft of the colored pencils but not too bad. Tonya got a bunch of books and DVDs to add.
  - i. Construction Site Monitoring: Not much of note this time of year. There have been a few volunteers that have left because of difficulties in Severna Park and Pasadena. Their reports are not handled as well as our area and volunteers seem to get discouraged.
  - j. Oyster Nursery: Brad went to check the oysters this morning and someone had left a snowman behind. The environmental literacy group at Broadneck wants to hold a summit and wants to suggest capstone projects. Brad will be going to their meeting on Wednesday.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Kyle West is looking for an Eagle Scout project. He likes the idea of an osprey platform for nesting. But it is somewhat dependent on the plans at the 5 sites so that his project does not interfere. Another suggestion was to redo the parking pad and an arch at Serene Ravine.

- b. We finished the woodchips on the path at Little Magothy.
- c. Watershed Stewards – Betsy is going to try to attend the information session in January.

5. New Business:

- a. Stacey talked to Frank about possibly getting a small shed at Little Magothy to hold rakes and shovels that we would have access to. Frank wants it by a particular pole that has electric so they could tie in to the cameras. It would be split use between CCC and CSCIA.
- b. 2026 membership dues are due. \$25 is the official amount but more is encouraged.
- c. Bill Bower and his son that helped with fall plantings - he is interested in working out a more permanent solution for the runoff from Lake Claire Drive to Serene Ravine. He is suggesting a more permanent solution like a rain garden or something of that sort. He is an engineer and WSA and willing to do the designing.
- d. 2026 Events Calendar:
  - i. January:
    - 1. Broadneck Grill Fundraiser. The next one is January 14, 2026.
  - ii. March:
    - 1. Leaf cleanup at Little Magothy as necessary
    - 2. CSCES STEM night
    - 3. MRA State of the Magothy event – got some attention from a few folks who hadn't heard of CCC at the event last year. This year's event is March 27, 2026.
  - iii. April:
    - 1. April 1 – Owl Moon Raptors Speaker Event will serve as our spring Open House. 7 pm is the presentation so doors open at 6. Outdoor activities are possible.
    - 2. Project Clean Stream April 4, 2026.
    - 3. Broadneck Grill night
    - 4. Spring Ephemeral pick up will be Friday and Saturday on one weekend in April. Likely to be April 4 or April 11
    - 5. Spring planting day – if we do the rain garden that can be our spring event
  - iv. May:
    - 1. Goshen open house – we should do the mosquito buckets again
    - 2. Habitat Hero Tour – only have one hero this year, but we could visit one of our sites this year. Marcia wants to nominate her next door neighbor, Fr. Jim Bors, who has done a lot of work to rip out his entire front yard and much of his back yard.
    - 3. Wednesday, May 27, 2026, will be the BHS oyster reef ball build. It will likely last two days.
    - 4. Invasive plant swap
  - v. June:
    - 1. Strawberry Festival – give out milkweed again. It is popular. June 6, 2026.
    - 2. Cape Vibes – we do not know their dates yet
  - vi. July:
  - vii. August:
    - 1. Broadneck Grill Fundraiser hopefully
  - viii. September:
    - 1. Plant Sale September 26, 2026. Delivery day the day before
    - 2. Oyster Spat delivery will hopefully be early September

- ix. October:
  - 1. Free trees pickup
  - 2. Fall planting
  - 3. Broadneck Grill Fundraiser
  - 4. Mulching paths
- x. November:
  - 1. Speaker event
- xi. December:

6. Other

- a. Tonya said that a child left her number in one of the learning libraries for crafts. Tonya wasn't comfortable with a child's phone number being left out in public.
- b. Bill asked if we were pulling up the cardboard up at Serene Ravine. We will just let it rot and eventually plant there after it has broken down. We could add more woodchips in the spring.

Adjourned 8:18 p.m.