

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 1/19/2026

In attendance:

Board members:

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

Guests:

Bill Bower, John Runyon, RoseMary Stocker

Call to order: 7:03 p.m.

1. The December CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
 - i. General Fund: \$43,745
 - ii. Has made all of the year end submissions for Maryland. Still needs to file the form for the federal taxes.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. BOG Meeting: Stacey attended the BOG meeting.
 - i. Nothing new re Fairwinds
 - ii. Docks at Deep Creek have been finished
 - iii. Nothing on the Chesapeake Recreational Park plans.
 - iv. Stacey needs to send photos for the Caper
 - v. There will be a virtual easter egg hunt again as well as one on the beach
 - vi. There will be a meeting toward the end of January/early February to view the Coastal Resource proposal. They are hoping to present it at the April quarterly meeting.
 - vii. They are still working through dredging permits to get the sand. They had to break it into two for the two different sites that need sand.
 - viii. Goshen announced a Luck of the Irish event on March 20 instead of Jazz and Java.
 - b. Conservation Crew: No weed warrior updates. A big sycamore tree came down at Serene Ravine and landed on the fence of the neighbor. Some debris landed on their garage. It is County owned property and the owners are aware. Did not seem to do any damage to plantings.
 - c. Big Trees: No updates.
 - d. Garden Advisory: Larry is getting the chips together for Barbara Breeden. She seems pleased with the plan this far.
 - e. Grants: There is a small maintenance grant from CBT. Can only apply for \$500 at a time. Stacey suggests with \$500 we can get more plants and more trees since we have lost some. We can write Serene Ravine as a continuously ongoing project.
 - f. Corporate Sponsors: Phil has updated the website to reflect the current corporate sponsors.
 - g. Habitat Heroes: Father Jim, Marcia's neighbor is our next Habitat Hero. Betsy has the sign and will give it to Marcia. Stacey has some follow up questions for him and then will prepare a write up. There is a yard with milkweed on St. Margarets that is a likely nominee for 2026.
 - h. Learning libraries: Stacey noticed some swelling to the wood of the door to the lending library at Little Magothy. Does not appear to need a repair at this time.

- i. Construction Site Monitoring: Brad sent out the most recent report via email. Monitoring is ongoing.
- j. Oyster Nursery: Phil made our annual contribution of \$1000 to MRA.

4. Old Business:

- a. An Eagle Scout Project is TBD
- b. Watershed Stewards – no one is inclined to participate at this time. Betsy attended the information session but is not able to participate at this time.
- c. It is time to pay annual dues for membership
- d. Bill Bower discussed a potential project for establishing a rain garden/conservation area to stop some erosion and runoff at Serene Ravine.
 - i. Bill is a licensed civil engineer and land surveyor. He could see where water was coming off the road and this should not generally be happening.
 - ii. He believes this is the perfect opportunity to have a rain garden. It would require some stones or netting to help slow the energy of the water but is definitely doable.
 - iii. Stacey mentioned that the Broadneck lacrosse coach wants a project for his team and they could help with the manpower.
 - iv. We need to draw up something to show the CSCIA Board for formal approval. Bill will prepare this drawing.
 - v. The property is in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and the head of the County group for this lives in Cape and Bill will talk to her to see what we need.
 - vi. Does not expect to need heavy equipment to do this project.
 - vii. Bill is suggesting this work get done in this spring which would be good timing with the lacrosse team.
 - viii. We took a formal vote and approved this plan to move forward.
- e. First Flower ordering is slow going right now. The idea is to get the information out early even if people are not ready to order quite yet. Pick up will be the first weekend in April. We originally intended to have 10 plants, but in order to keep the price at \$80, Stacey revised things.

5. New Business:

- a. Pool path – the County established a storm drain at the top of the path but we have only had one rainfall that was enough to really test it. The drain seemed to be working fine, though this was not a downpour. There is a meeting this Wednesday at 5 pm to talk about the path. It includes Neil, Thor who is the president of the swim club, and others, possibly Frank and/or Beau. Phil will attend. They are going to discuss the possibilities for further remediation. Phil is going to suggest the cheapest of the prior proposals we received before. Now that the County has added the storm drain, a less thorough remediation will last longer. This option would be a slope the entire way down with no steps. This proposal was \$11,255. Phil wants to offer to pay for the project in its entirety and then solicit from nearby neighbors for CCC contributions. Marcia suggested we have a handout about these contributions at Project Clean Stream.
 - i. We voted to propose to the Swim Club for Scapes to do the project and the vote passed.
- b. 2026 membership dues are due. \$25 is the official amount but more is encouraged.
- c. WSA Conference is open to all. It will be February 28, 2026, and there is currently a 20% off discount code available. It is held at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum Heights.
- d. Native-invasive swap is back! With Maryland passing a recent bill banning certain plants, we can build on that for the swap. Stacey suggested we do three different choices and the participants can

pick options one, two, or three, but no substitutions. They would get one gallon shrubs. It will depend on what is available and pricing. Edward Goodman's website has a lot of beauty berry for \$9 per gallon. He also has the oakleaf hydrangea and St. John's Wort. Shotts Nursery just approved Stacey's account to see their availability. She also checked American Native Plants inventory.

- e. Free trees – based on what people ordered last year, Black Gum and Hackberry were not ordered and can be removed. We are limited to the Resilient Species List with WSA. We can review options and offer some new choices. We can reuse the application from last year and update with this year's tree choices. Will check with Robert to see if he will help people pick out an appropriate tree.
- f. Broadneck Grill – we have money to pick up but we do not have a next date scheduled.
- g. Plant sale – Stacey reached out to Providence Center and gave them last year's list with adjusted quantities for this year. Asked them about any other plants that they might have this year that we could add. We can reach out to other providers once we know what Providence Center will have. Also sent the updated list to the plugs vendor. We want to make sure to order some extra plants that we will plant in order to make the minimum to have a delivery truck.
- h. Order has been placed with Providence Center for the milkweed plugs to give out at the Strawberry Festival.
- i. 2026 Events Calendar:
 - i. March:
 - 1. Leaf cleanup at Little Magothy as necessary
 - 2. CSCES STEM night
 - 3. MRA State of the Magothy event March 27, 2026.
 - ii. 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. Stacey will ask Brad to add Little Magothy to the site list.
 - 3. Spring Ephemeral pick up will be Friday and Saturday the first weekend in April.
 - 4. Spring planting day – if we do the rain garden that can be our spring event
 - 5. Hopefully a Broadneck Grill night
 - iii. May:
 - 1. Goshen open house – we don't know if they are having one this year
 - 2. Rain Garden in this general time frame
 - 3. Habitat Hero Tour – need to decide if we want May or June and if we want a weeknight or weekend. Need to check with our recipients.
 - 4. Wednesday, May 27, 2026, will be the BHS oyster reef ball build.
 - 5. Invasive plant swap pickup – date TBD
 - iv. June:
 - 1. Strawberry Festival – give out milkweed again. It is popular. June 6, 2026.
 - 2. Cape Vibes – we do not know their dates yet
 - v. July:
 - vi. August:
 - 1. Broadneck Grill Fundraiser hopefully
 - vii. September:
 - 1. Plant Sale September 26, 2026. Delivery day the day before
 - 2. Oyster Spat delivery will hopefully be early September

viii. October:

1. Free trees pickup coupled with fall planting – need to pick a date
2. BHS environmental lit class make oyster nursery trays
3. Broadneck Grill Fundraiser
4. Mulching paths

ix. November:

1. Speaker event – November 6, 2026. We need a speaker.

x. December:

6. Other

- a. Jeanne has a great new haircut.
- b. Bill put a rain garden in behind his house a few years ago and would like to participate in the Serene Ravine project. He suggested we put in drought-tolerant plants.
- c. Larry received an email from Barbara Morgan. They are starting an education program and they asked him to speak on invasives in August. Larry can talk about what to replace invasive plants with.
- d. Stacey has had some recent inquiries from people who want to get involved. Could coordinate with Jessie at Goshen and maybe even Save the Trees.

Adjourned 8:24 p.m.