

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 4/20/2026

In attendance:

Board members:

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

Guests:

Christy Fowler, John Runyon

Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

1. The March CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
 - i. General Fund: \$43,068
 - ii. Phil paid Schotts and just received another \$800 invoice from Stacey.
 - iii. Stacey just redeemed almost \$300 from Wells Fargo that should be coming soon.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. BOG Meeting: Stacey attended the BOG meeting.
 - i. Fairwinds is not sold but is under a new operator. Still do not know what improvements/changes are to come.
 - ii. The mosquito spraying will be back this year on Mondays. Folks can choose to opt out and it would not hurt to check and make sure you are still on the opt out list.
 - iii. Beach attendants are being hired for the summer. 14/22 are returning from last year.
 - iv. Deep Creek has ongoing electrical and plumbing work that is coming to an end.
 - v. Strawberry Festival is coming and we need to turn in our forms.
 - vi. Community Cleanup – we are only getting one dumpster this year which fills up extremely quickly. They are encouraging people to put things out curbside.
 - vii. April 28, 2026, is the April quarterly meeting. Coastal Resources will be there presenting.
 - viii. Broadneck Community Council is sponsoring two meet the candidates nights with everyone running for office prior to the June primary. April 30, 2026, and May 14, 2026.
 - b. Conservation Crew: This has resumed with 10-11 people for each of the first two sessions. This coming Wednesday will be at Little Magothy and the following week will be at Serene Ravine.
 - c. Big Trees: Betsy spent a day driving around doing the tour of the big trees. She marked updates that she found – one tree had been cut down, some houses could not be found. She contacted Rob Corletta who confirmed the tree that was cut down and some erroneous addresses. Rob said he is going to look for an easy to use mapping tool that might make driving around and looking at the trees easier.
 - d. Garden Advisory: Stacey spoke to the people that are in Al Todd's house and they are interested in having Larry consult. The people that bought the house next to Serene Ravine will also be a good candidate but they are still removing things. Larry asked about getting some plants for Gwen for a mitigation project. Stacey indicated that ordering had been done; if additional plants were known at this time, she may be able to add them to the order, but Larry stated that decisions had not been finalized. He has a few other people that have projects that will be starting soon.

- e. Grants: No updates.
- f. Corporate Sponsors: No updates.
- g. Habitat Heroes: Stacey needs to reach out to Cooper-Smith about details for being a Hero this year. The milkweed in their yard is popping up all over the yard.
- h. Learning libraries: Theft is down. Tonya saw a mom and daughter who explained that they really enjoy it. Tonya added some new children's books.
- i. Construction Site Monitoring: Cape has been pretty quiet but Arnold has had a number of problems with people who want to build right on the water.
- j. Oyster Nursery: Mike and Brad spent some time firing up the pump to get things going and found some new problems. But they hope to have it up and running next Sunday. There is a new sign and table. Lots of updates from the Eagle Scout candidates. Another student is making a new top that raises up for the nursery.

4. Old Business:

- a. Erosion control project at Serene Ravine was a huge success. 56 volunteers including 18 adults and 38 kids. All of the pre-prep work ahead of time and removal of invasives helped it go smoothly. The Broadneck Lacrosse team was phenomenal. Bill Bower was amazing for instructions and direction. John, Rosemary, and Jeanne brought additional cardboard that got covered in woodchips. The two erosion areas are going to get heavily planted on May 2. We discussed methods of thanking the lacrosse team that will be sincere and encourage future participation. At a minimum we will put something in the Caper.
- b. First flower boxes sold out and were all picked up.
- c. Speaker event was fun and well attended. This is definitely the way to go for future Open House events. The setup encouraged good interaction before the speakers started. We got both donations and volunteer names from the event. Stacey mentioned that we started cleaning up too early. The cleanup made things very noisy while people were trying to talk to the presenters. Nancy McDonald reached out after the event. She said if we ever need another program from them they would not hesitate.
- d. Project Clean Stream was the first Saturday in April. It was well attended. It fell over spring break and Passover and yet we still had 47 volunteers. They accumulated 57 bags of trash as well as assorted junk. Matthew Toronto hauled everything away.
- e. Shrub swap signup is closed. There are a few extras in case. 38 people are getting shrubs to replace their invasive shrubs. They are being delivered to Allison Milligan's house and she will hold them for us until the 30th. She will deliver them to Little Magothy. Stacey needs people that can take some to Serene Ravine. Phil and Karen said they will come at 10 to help. In addition, some people need to go pick up the order at Providence Center. The items from Providence Center will go to Serene Ravine. The swap shrubs will stay at LMB as well as the replacement trees for the ones that were destroyed. The items that go to Serene Ravine will get planted on May 2. The Goodman delivery might have to be Friday, May 1. Planting on May 2 will be from 8-10. From 9-12 people need to man the swap pickup. More planting will happen from 12-2. Plugs were ordered that are being delivered to Jeanne's house tomorrow.
- f. Scholarship application – we received one application. It is a very good application. She did an excellent job on the application and has good goals.
- g. Phil reported that he worked with Zeffy for a bit. He created a page for donations/memberships that would include the required IRS letter. A second page would be for plant sales. Eventually this will

help so Stacey doesn't have to pre-warn Phil that something coming is a donation versus a plant sale purchase. This is something that can go live and get edited later. Phil moved to go live with Zeffy. Ali seconded the motion. We voted unanimously to switch to Zeffy.

- h. Copyright update – Phil was getting weekly emails from Europe looking for money for alleged copyright violations on our website. Phil consulted with Dirk and was advised to ignore it so he is moving all of the emails to spam.

5. New Business:

- a. Kyle West is doing an Eagle Scout project and has a proposal for building a new entryway for Serene Ravine. Christy at Richards is looking for 14 foot thick branches to help form the entry arch. Some posts will be placed behind the existing logs to form a visual barrier. This project will likely not happen until summer or fall. He will come to our May meeting to present his idea. Then he will present to CSCIA in June.
- b. Broadneck grill fundraiser is this Wednesday, April 22
- c. We need Habitat Hero flyers to be made up. Stacey will send Brad the details.
- d. Need to get some ACE buckets for the mosquito dunk challenge. We need dunks, straw, and print out the instructions. If we can get the materials in time we can give them out at the shrub swap. If not we will give them out at Cape Vibes. Stacey asked for a larger spot at the Strawberry Festival. Do we want to do mosquito buckets there as well as the milkweed? It will depend on the size of our spot. We could make it smaller and give away a bag with all of the items except the buckets. We could also print out some opt out forms for people to take.
- e. The free tree application is live on the website. It will be advertised in the May Caper. Stacey will start promoting it on Facebook after the shrub swap.
- f. Stacey found a place to order bare root native pachysandra plugs. Stacey ordered 200 bare roots which will be shipped directly to Providence Center where they will get potted and maintained for us. Some we will plant in the fall at LMB and some will get sold.
- g. Pool path update – the swim club has responded with a basic agreement. They voted to accept the CCC proposal with a few caveats below. Thor's email said that CCC needed to present to BLOA but Phil does not believe we need to consult with them. Particularly since Beau is their representative. Phil wants to have a meeting with the swim club and Scapes to agree on a staging location for the work. Phil will call Frank tomorrow to find out who to contact at BLOA. Scapes indicated that they could get it done before Memorial Day. Total cost increased only a few hundred dollars since the original bid.
 - i. They agree that the path should be available to all Cape residents year round but there could be times when they need to change that – for example if the blue stone starts to get thrown in the pool or if the storm drain at the top does not work as intended and erosion occurs it might need to be closed.
 - ii. They understand that CCC does not intend to take on the full responsibility of taking on the maintenance of the path, they want assurances that we will help and put it into our rotation of general maintenance Stacey talked to Thor and said we would make it 1-2 events a year and get volunteers involved. We may need things like mulching day that would involve a lot of the community.
- h. 2026 Events Calendar:
 - i. April
 - 1. Broadneck Grill night 4/22

2. 4/30 shrub delivery and plant pick up
- ii. May:
 1. May 1 Goodman shrub delivery LMB
 2. May 2 planting day
 3. Goshen/Broadneck family day – we are not going to participate at this because it conflicts with our planting day.
 4. 5/27 BHS Reef Ball Build – in school event. Volunteers are not needed.
 5. 5/29 – Habitat Hero Tour 5-7 Father Jim and then Karen Mullins
- iii. June:
 1. 6/6 Strawberry Festival
 2. 6/27 Cape Vibes 4-8 pm

6. Other

- a. Jennifer asked if we have a mechanism for letting members know when their annual membership has ended so they know they need to send dues again. Membership is January-December each year. Phil said letters of acknowledgement would show when the membership was paid.

Adjourned 8:42 p.m.