

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 6/15/2026

In attendance:

Board members:

Bill Rappoport, Jennifer Connor, Phil Ourisson, Betsy Jackson, Larry Jennings, Jeanne Klinger, Karen Minor, Tonya Powell

Guests:

Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

1. The May meeting minutes were approved as amended.

2. Treasurer's report:

a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)

- i. General Fund: \$31,852
- ii. This includes \$300 from Wells Fargo and a sponsorship from Anytime Fitness for \$250
- iii. Phil received a \$200 anonymous donation for the scout project but he does not know how to disperse it. Will need to connect with Kyle West and figure out how to apply the money to his project.
- iv. Phil paid the insurance that covers volunteers
- v. Made all of the final payments to Scapes for the swim club path
- vi. Phil sent 97 letters out to residents that live near the pool path soliciting donations

3. Committee Reports:

- a. BOG Meeting: No updates
- b. Conservation Crew: Last Wednesday was at Little Magothy for some plantings including bushes and leftover trees. Did some weeding. This upcoming week will be weeding at Serene Ravine. Marcia would like to move the weeding in July and August to the mornings because it gets so hot. We could offer both times but those that need to can select the cooler mornings.
- c. Big Trees: No updates. Betsy plans to verify street names to make sure they are accurate. Rob is tasked with finding mapping software to have something on our website that shows where the trees are.
- d. Garden Advisory: Received a new referral and this one will include a living shoreline with plants as opposed to including a sloped sand beach. It will require planting items with strong roots that will stabilize the bank. It is located on Deep Creek upstream from the boat ramp.
- e. Grants: No updates.
- f. Corporate Sponsors: Anytime Fitness is a new sponsor
- g. Habitat Heroes: We need another one but we have Joy Tester nominated by Katie Scott Kelly.
- h. Learning libraries: Brad is having trouble with ordering from the wish list. It does not allow you to select multiples of the same item.
- i. Construction Site Monitoring: Brad and Phil continue to monitor every month. Brad has found several new sites to add to monitoring. Phil has not looked for this month.
- j. Oyster Nursery: Regarding restoration work at the Little Magothy slips lot, Katie Scott Kelly said there was a tentative plan for a rain garden and some other ideas for the site. The students have made great progress there. Brad has made suggestions on the design at prior CSCIA meetings. For

example, instead of a wide rain garden, they could do a long infiltration trench to move the runoff water. The nursery itself is up and running with a new cover and a new sign. Dottie wanted to clean up the pallets and other items that are still there. She said she would get new pallets for free when needed.

- k. Website: There has been a lot of activity on the website in the last month. Tree give away is on the calendar, conservation corps, Broadneck Grill, etc. these items are always on the calendar. “Our Projects” is on there that includes the larger projects we have done such as the erosion control projects at Serene Ravine. Ongoing Initiatives is a heading that includes the Habitat Heros. Added a link for kids to apply for the annual scholarship. About Us includes the corporate sponsorships and news links, Learning includes blog posts by Stacey on things like the mosquito buckets and creating your own habitat with a garden advisor (Larry). It also mentions our participation in the speaker series at Goshen Farm. Under the Home heading we have noted that we have been awarded a “Platinum Seal” from Candid that recognizes organizations for their mission, finances, etc. We are too small to get recognition from Charity Navigator, so Phil provided regular information to Candid to get this recognition. We also post the monthly minutes each month. Under Get Involved one of the projects describes restoring healthy woodlands and we posted the map that shows where the properties are that we maintain.

4. Old Business:

- a. Ruby was very appreciative of her scholarship.
- b. Habitat Hero was a big success. We had great attendance.
- c. Reef ball build at the high school – CCA is the lead organization, and they are working with the Magothy River Association again this year, and they will go to NOAH’s reef out by Dobbins.
- d. Eagle Scout Project – waiting on approval for the permit.
- e. Mosquito Bucket Challenge – we are bringing 10 buckets to Cape Vibes. Many buckets and kits were passed out at Strawberry Festival and since from individuals that requested some. The straw is at Serene Ravine.

5. New Business:

- a. We need volunteers for Cape Vibes on June 27, 2026. Phil will bring the large canopy. A raffle of two trees will take place there. There are two shifts to sign up for online.
- b. Plant sale – Stacey has been constructing the vendor list and Brad has a first version of the flyer. We will firm up the plant list in July. Phil has already made some down payments for the plant sale.
- c. 2026 Events Calendar:
 - i. June:
 - 1. 6/27 Cape Vibes 4-8 pm
 - ii. July:
 - 1. TBD Eagle Scout project pending
 - iii. September:
 - 1. Broadneck Grill fundraiser September 16
 - 2. Plant delivery day – Sept 25
 - 3. Plant sale – Sept 26 – 7-9 set up, 9-1 sale

6. Other

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Adjourned 8:01.m.