

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 5/18/2026

In attendance:

Board members:

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

Guests:

John Runyon, Cathy Gazzo, Aaron West, Kyle West, Jennifer Dora

Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

1. The April CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended.

2. Treasurer's report:

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

- i. General Fund: \$31,885
- ii. Phil cannot account for \$87 is continuing to try to reconcile.
- iii. Path is paid for as of today.

3. Committee Reports:

a. BOG Meeting: Stacey attended the BOG meeting.

- i. Still working on trying to get sand from a dredge. Annapolis Sailing School sand is still a possibility.
- ii. Coastal Resources has met with the various entities they need to meet with. Hope to have a 60% design by the July quarterly meeting. It was thought that they would be at the last quarterly meeting, but they did not come. Beau provided information but there was nothing new. They have to submit a permit for each site – five permits for five sites.
- iii. Goshen announced their first concert will be June 26. Friday night concerts for the summer. They are doing a pollinator class at the aviary in June. Larry will be presenting at their July class on native plants. Stacey will be doing invasives in August.

b. Conservation Crew: Going on every Wednesday through October. A lot of work at Serene Ravine going on – approximately a 3:1 ratio between Serene Ravine and Little Magothy. Focus on the new plantings and keeping on top of the bush killer. This upcoming week will be at Little Magothy. Stacey reached out to the family and let them know that we will be planting in the hopes that the boys who cut down the trees can come at help plant some replacement trees. Stacey ordered more plants from Providence. Marcia, Jeanne, and/or Betsy will pick them up. Some will be planted at Little Magothy and some at Serene Ravine.

c. Big Trees: Robert responded directly to Betsy regarding some of the updates that needed to be made to the Big Trees map/list. He confirmed that changes that need to be made. Betsy was going to update the list and Robert was going to look for mapping software to make a better map. Betsy will follow up with him and clean up the list.

d. Garden Advisory: Successfully contacted Gwen Gibbons who recognized that mitigation is her responsibility. Her husband wants the pollinator garden Larry proposed. Larry also starting the design phase for Barbara Breeden.

e. Grants: No updates.

f. Corporate Sponsors: Stacey plans to follow up with Anytime Fitness.

- g. Habitat Heroes: Stacey waiting on Ms. Cooper-Smith to submit a photo with the Habitat Hero sign.
- h. Learning libraries: They look fine. The one at Serene Ravine is down the books that were intended to be taken. Stacey thinks that Tonya has more boxes of books to restock. There are some text books that need to be removed.
- i. Construction Site Monitoring: Brad and Phil continue to monitor every month. The County has been responding to reports. Generally the County is following up as appropriate.
- j. Oyster Nursery: No updates.

4. Old Business:

- a. Erosion control project at Serene Ravine is showing that so far it is working. Stacey noticed some small amounts of mulch that moved after the last rain but overall seems to be doing its job. Will be good to see what happens with the rain that is forecast for the upcoming week.
- b. Shrub swap was a success. Everyone seemed to be happy with their shrubs. Only one person did not respond to pickup her shrubs so they were planted.
- c. Scholarship application – record year with 9 applications. They were mostly fabulous and it was very difficult for Karen, Betsy, Marcia, Jeanne, and Phil made the decision. Ali and Stacey recused themselves as they knew some of the candidates. One candidate was chosen and will receive \$1,000. The ceremony at the school is next Tuesday. Stacey will attend and present her with the certificate and some swag.
- d. Phil reported that Zeffy is working. He is getting used to the reports and will continue to figure out the reports so he can balance the account. We received a \$1,000 donation from the foundation in Oregon. Phil mailed her a letter and she did not receive it so he sent it again via email.
- e. The pool path is complete. Phil says it is amazing. The pool plans to reopen the path this week. We hope that this will be a workable solution for a while, but no one really knows how long this will last. With the new storm drain at the top we are hopeful this will last for a while.
- f. Broadneck grill fundraiser was Wednesday, April 22. We received \$321. There was advertising for this multiple ways. Stacey posted on Facebook, Phil posted on Nextdoor, and Brad created a flyer for social media. Our next one will be in September.
- g. Gave away approximately 12 buckets for the mosquito dunk challenge at the shrub swap. Betsy is going to ask if ACE can donate more buckets so we can do the Strawberry Festival and Cape Vibes. Stacey obtained dunks from ACE and Amazon.
- h. The free tree applications are coming in. We have 12-13 so far. Phil is going to check for more tomorrow. If any of us want to buy a tree with this order they are \$25 each.
- i. Stacey ordered bare root native pachysandra plugs. Stacey ordered 250 bare roots which arrived at Providence Center this week. They will grow them and we will sell them as quarts at the plant sale. This will be more appealing than plugs that were expensive.

5. New Business:

- a. Kyle West is doing an Eagle Scout project and came to present his proposal. He presented last week at CSCIA. They have signed off with a couple of modifications. Project will be at Serene Ravine. He will build an archway at the entrance with a sign so that the attraction point is more noticeable. He plans to put down posts that are connected with branches to create a fence so that people will not park on the vegetation. Will use natural wood from a sycamore tree that was cut down. Richards will provide more wood as necessary and cut everything down to the correct size. Plans for the arch to clear about 9 feet with 3 feet underground. It will be wide enough for things like wheelbarrows and

things like that to pass through. Planning to do this likely in July. The CSCIA board told him that he needs to obtain a permit and he is working on that. Home Depot is donating an auger to dig the necessary holes. Some discussion of pavers in the lead in area. They are looking to borrow a wood router to engrave the sign. Either way it will be in rustic wood. Has not chosen a font.

- b. Habitat Hero tour is starting on Round Top at Father Jims house and then head over to Karen Mullen on Highview. In the past we have given out plants for folks that attend the tour. We could pot up some packera this year. Jeanne will bring bags and we can give out bags and stickers.
- c. Strawberry Festival – Providence Center is growing 150 milkweed. We will have the lifecycle of the monarch activity and will consider adding some additional children’s activities.
- d. Stacey ordered new plants as discussed above.
- e. 2026 Events Calendar:
 - 1. 5/27 BHS Reef Ball Build – in school event. Volunteers are not needed.
 - 2. 5/29 – Habitat Hero Tour 5-7 Father Jim and then Karen Mullins
- ii. June:
 - 1. 6/6 Strawberry Festival
 - 2. 6/27 Cape Vibes 4-8 pm

6. Other

- a. Larry is having his other hip replaced June 29.

Adjourned 8:12 p.m.