

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 7/20/2026

In attendance:

Board members:

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

Guests:

Christy Fowler, RoseMary Stocker

Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

1. The June meeting minutes were approved as amended.

2. Treasurer's report:

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

- i. General Fund: \$32,265
- ii. Phil spent about \$100 on mailing the residents near the pool path and received a \$100 donation from it.
- iii. Stacey gave Phil an additional \$30 from the donation box that was out during events.

3. Committee Reports:

a. BOG Meeting:

- i. Next Tuesday is the quarterly meeting. There is supposed to be a presentation by Coastal Resources about the five sites.
- ii. Pier slips will be seeing an increase of 10%-20%
- iii. Goshen has some events coming up. Larry's talk on native plants was postponed to this coming Saturday.
- iv. September 19, 2026, Cape Vibes will be there for Goshen's open house.
- v. August, Stacey is doing the invasive plant talk at Goshen.

b. Conservation Crew: Had some three new teenagers help out this past week on the morning shift. The water buckets are placed around the area as a water strategy. We discussed that the aesthetics are not great with them visible. Betsy will go move them so they are tucked away. As they currently are they could blow away. This week is at Serene Ravine and Bill will pull out his hose in case things need to be watered. Little Magothy is in really good shape right now. Megan, the new resident across the street is friendly and offered water.

c. Big Trees: Betsy updated the chart. She corrected some addresses and removed a tree that was not there. This is the first update since 2023 and Betsy asked when we might want to do it again. She will put the updated chart on the website along with the article that first came out with the first list. Stacey wondered if AI could generate a driving route to see all of the trees. Brad suggested that Google maps has a lot of options that can be color coded and you can build layers.

d. Garden Advisory: Larry has been in contact with several people.

e. Grants: No updates.

f. Corporate Sponsors: No updates

g. Habitat Heroes: No updates

h. Learning libraries: Stacey sent out the Amazon wish list for the libraries and received a number of donations. We received books and guides. Diane Ray from the library gave us bags of books as well.

Jeannie got some free books from a curb alert. Tonya asked if the wish list has a name that can be searched. Another journal disappeared. Tonya has more in stock and Stacy has some as well. Art supplies are holding up well. Some folks stick random books in and Stacy and Tonya pull them out.

- i. Construction Site Monitoring: Brad and Phil continue to monitor every month. The firehouse construction is moving very quickly. There is no sediment protection right now, but dirt is being removed all of the time. The big rocks from the step pools have been removed. Brad noted that builders are trying to build on lots that are not appropriate – steep hills or lots that are too small. There are several in Arnold that are under appeal.
- j. Oyster Nursery: They are beautiful and clean and all of the crews are doing their job. Everything is going well.
- k. Website: Phil wrote a good article about the pool path that got posted. The Tree Giveaway is also posted on the website.

4. Old Business:

- a. Eagle Scout Project – he is gathering materials. Richards has yet to find long posts with the Y at the top so that may need to be adjusted. He had to submit a packet to the County to get a grading permit. Frank has been helping him as well. Betsy might have extra driftwood. We still have the \$200 donation that was given specifically for this project.
- b. Mosquito Bucket Challenge – we have a lot of bucket kits to give out because Cape Vibes was cancelled. First come first serve. Stacey is going to ask Frank if we can give them away at the Quarterly Meeting.

5. New Business:

- a. We have two trees left over that were going to be raffled at Cape Vibes. They are at Little Magothy. The current plan is to keep them alive until fall and then plant them unless we find another way to raffle them at another event.
- b. Someone gifted us a bunch of books that are too advanced for the learning libraries. They are very technical and involve some birds that are not in our area. We can give them away somehow at the November art auction.
- c. There has been a rise in membership through Zeffy.
- d. Plant sale – Stacey has been in contact with experts and vendors. No extraordinarily new ideas for this year. Plants have been ordered. There will still be some moving pieces as it gets closer. Goodman is growing us some St. Johns Wort at a good price. Maxine from Baywise is gone. Stacey continues to request someone else from that group. Bill may man the pollinator pathway table. The experts will wear the green shirts so they are easily identifiable. Brad made flyers and the signboard is reserved. We will have more to do items as the sale gets closer. Jeff Popp will update the plan if our boxes change their contents.
- e. Stacey ordered some plants and shrubs for fall planting. Since the sale is September 26, we don't want to wait too long after. Maybe the first or second weekend in October.
- f. 2026 Events Calendar:
 - i. July/August
 - 1. Larry's native plant talk is this Saturday at Goshen
 - 2. Stacey's talk at Goshen is August 22.
 - 3. TBD Eagle Scout project pending
 - ii. September:

1. Work day at the swim club path. The swim club should help but we can also get a sports team involved.
2. Broadneck Grill fundraiser September 16
3. Oyster spat delivery – tentatively the 17th
4. Plant delivery day – Sept 25
5. Free tree pickup – September 25 hopefully
6. Plant sale – Sept 26 – 7-9 set up, 9-1 sale

iii. October:

1. Fall planting event
2. BHS Environmental Lit Class make oyster nursery trays - TBD
3. Mulch Serene Ravine TBD

iv. November

1. Mulch Little Magothy Beach - TBD
2. Brenden Curran turtles – 11/6

6. Other

- a. Phil noted that he had what looked like hornets in his front yard. Turns out they are cicada killers.

Adjourned 8:15 p.m.