

Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda & Notes

DATE & TIME: *THUR April 11, 2019 at 5-7PM*

LOCATION: *Center for the Inland Bays*

39375 Inlet Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Meeting called by: Claire Simmers, Committee Chair

Attendees:

CAC: Dennis Barstow, Tom Brett, Gary Cannon, Pete Keenan, Bob Linett, Cheryl Rehrig, Gary Taylor, Richard Watson

CIB: Amy Barra



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AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting Thursday June 20, 2019 5:00pm

I. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions

II. Meeting agenda review and approval of minutes for: January 17, 2019. Approved

III. Presentation Gary Taylor: Cleaning Up our Fragile Impaired Creeks

IV. CIB Announcements and Reports – Amy Barra

James Farm parking/gateway ready

Volunteer Training for outreach and projects

Restoration and “Don’t Chuck your Shucks”

Reforestation near Assawoman Creek and Sussex

Oyster reef grant approved; starting in July

Hired environmental educator – revamping the curriculum

Counting horseshoe crabs

Working with MD

Teaching science outdoors

Conference: National Estuary Program Oct 1-4, 2019. CIB is the host.

V. CAC Announcements, Claire Simmers

1. Continuing recruiting efforts; please be on the look-out for possible members.

2. Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) will be a revision rather than an update which extends the implementation date into early 2020. In the current revision:

CAC has supporting role in:

Objective 1: Provide education opportunities on climate change impacts and mitigation. A2. Create and support projects and programs that monitor and/or communicate the effects of climate change. (Lead: DNREC, CIB; Supporting: STAC, CAC)

Objective 3: Communicate with stakeholders through a variety of media to promote public involvement and influence behaviors, attitudes and actions to foster stewardship. A2. Conduct field visits and tours with decision makers to educate on the importance of protecting and restoring natural ecosystems. (Lead: CIB, DNREC; Supporting: CAC).

CAC has lead role in:

Objective 5: Communicate environmental results and raise citizen awareness about the state of the Inland Bays and its watershed. A2. Communicate and provide education on the benefits of achieving water quality goals to economic development, tourism, recreation, human health, and quality of life. (Lead: CIB, CAC). A4. Communicate and make available data and facts to the public concerning important environmental issues that impact Inland Bay communities. (Lead: CIB, CAC, DNREC). A5. Advocate for enforcement of existing environmental regulations. (Lead: CIB, CAC). A6. Educate and communicate to the public about the ecological importance of the Inland Bays. (Lead: CIB, CAC, DNREC).

VI. CAC Wraparound – “The issues or concerns about the bays I heard since our last meeting are...”

	Comments
CAC Members	
Dr. Claire Simmers	Ash Tracking at Burton Island and Renewal Portfolio Standard (RPS)
Dr. Dennis Bartow	Deforestation with development
Gary Cannon	Regulations of fertilizers - especially ingredients
Pete Keenan	Economic development in DE; shortage of 44K homes and jobs
Cheryl Rehrig	Privacy because developers cut down the trees; better buffers; flooding in neighborhoods
Gary Taylor	Creeks
Richard Watson	Already mentioned
Robert (Bob) Linett	Already mentioned
Tom Brett	Redefine waters of US, especially small streams; testing of private drinking wells
Others	
Ed	spray irrigation; impact of communities and businesses in Sussex County; Wolf Neck; Baywood greens and other communities; Clean DE – nitrate concentrations
Linda	White Creek; encouraging voluntary compliance
Paul	Better understanding of difference between saltwater and fresh water contaminates and levels of pollution

VII. CAC Committee Reports

A. Standing subcommittees of CAC

1. CAC Membership and Recruiting

Report: Ian Kaufman resigned; looking for CAC members

- a. Members: CAC vice chair, chair; Claire (CAC chair); Amy Barra (Outreach and Education Coordinator); and one CAC member
- b. Responsibilities: recruiting, on-boarding, and term tracking

2. CAC Outreach and Education

Report: Amy Barra is working on the script and organizing

- a. Members: Members: Amy Barra (Outreach and Education Coordinator), Susan Ball; Pete Keenan; Cheryl Rehrig; Gary Taylor
Working
- b. Responsibilities: outreach and education to accomplish goals of CCMP

3. CAC Environmental Toxins Issues

Report: Amy Barra will try to get DNREC person to talk at June 20th meeting; Gary Taylor presentation.

- a. Ash Tracking at Burton Islands
- b. Creeks

Members: Claire Simmers; Bob Linett; Gary Taylor

4. CAC Issues Committees

- a. CAC Climate Change

Report: Richard will have presentation for Fall meeting; Renewal Portfolio Standards (RPS) might be a focus

Members: Richard Watson, chair; Claire Simmers; Dennis Bartow;

- b. CAC Buffers and Density Ordinances

Report: Sussex County Council is continuing to work on this issue

Members:

VIII. CAC Business

- A. 2019 CAC meetings – Jan 17, Apr 11, June 20, Nov 07.

- B. Open Officer CAC positions:

1. Vice Chair - The Vice-Chair shall conduct CAC meetings in the Chair's absence and be the chair of the Membership and Recruiting Committee
2. Secretary - The Secretary shall send out meeting notices with the agenda, record minutes of all meetings of the CAC and work with the Executive Director to maintain CAC records and documents.

- C. Discussion on Ash Tracking on Burton Island

1. This continues to be of interest to CAC. Received citizen input from Charlie Garlow about the Environmental Integrity Report <http://www.environmentalintegrity.org/news/first-comprehensive-national-study-of-coal-ash-pollution-finds-widespread-groundwater-contamination/>. CAC will continue to research and discuss.

- IX. Open Forum – no issues discussed

- X. Adjourn