

DOWN EAST COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: May 2, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: DEC meeting came to order at 7pm, Williston

IN ATTENDANCE: Lillie Miller (Straits), Barbara Blake (Gloucester), Richard Lowdermilk (Atlantic), Brenda Lowdermilk (Atlantic), Art Noyes (Atlantic), Dave Boileau, (Atlantic), Tom Hesselink (Marshallberg), Margie Misenheimer (Marshallberg), Thom Styron (Otway), Anthony Nelson (Harkers Island), Gail Cannon (Marshallberg), Lauren (Williston) Phyllis (Williston)

WELCOME: Barbara welcomes all.

Special Guest:

Connie Mason

Talk about interpretive signage for the scenic byway
She will write all the interpretive signs for all 21 communities

Couple of images or character from the community
Catchy phrases
Written info must be simplified – to fit into the specific space
Asking folks to write down info to share with her –
Pictures would be great
Have a location in mind –

Want to email Connie?
Edna924@hotmail.com or call 252-808-5592

Jeff

Editor of the County Compass (newspaper)
Originated in Oriental
Each week he wants to furnish a news story of any type (recipes to conchs or whatever)
DEC – asked to suggest a title

Motion to have a “corner” in the County Compass -
Seconded by Anthony Nelson
Voted and passed

Lauren

Down East Community News
Is building the website
Wanted to use wordpress – but cost prohibitive
Prose Point – website builder – trying to work out issues before website goes live

Minutes were read and approved
Treasurer's Report: Attached

New Business

OLD BUSINESS:

*Scenic Byway Orientation Meeting -

Sign

Need levels of sponsorship

Gold	\$1000
Silver	\$500
Bronze	\$250
Sponsor	Below \$250

If anyone knows of upcoming events, let Richard know and he'll have t-shirts available.

Gloucester Community Club: June 18 and July 16 – Chicken/BBQ

Wild Caught: August 20

Anthony Nelson will inquire with Alton Best and Joann Mangum to see if we can get the names of second home owners.

Waiting to hear from Randy Ramsey about the proposal sent to Big Rock to determine to see if we can

Open Air Market

May 21

Tom Hesselink, Stan, and Lauren

Old Business

Reports on DEC action items

- ❖ Action: Develop roads improvement plan (Lillie & Mark) ✓
 - *Will coordinate with the county planner to write a resolution in support of a road project between East Carteret corner and Harkers Island Road*
 - *Paving Hwy 70 from East Carteret corner to Cedar Island Ferry Terminal*

- ❖ Action: Develop plan for support for commercial fishing community (Barbara) ✓
 - *Applied for the Preserve America grant*
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- ❖ Action: Develop plan for more seafood retail opportunities (open air market, local food council, Carteret food council, etc.) (Barbara) ✓
 - *Discussing opportunities of having a market at Lookout Grocery*
 - *Spring/summer 2015, a market was held at Lookout Grocery*

- ❖ Action: Mariners Park (Sea Level) revitalization (Brenda)
 - *Discussion with Danny Styron, member of the Parks & Recreation Board to explore opportunities for the park*
- ❖ Action: Develop a community website (Lillie/James)
 - ✓ www.downeastcommunitynews.com/downeastcouncil.html
- ❖ Action: Add resources/links on DEC facebook page (Lillie/James)
- ❖ Action: Organize a community clean sweep (Tom)
 - *Tom Hesselink will be organizing a community sweep at the designated time*
- ❖ Action: Facilitate prescription drug drop off locations (Anthony) ✓
 - *Coordinate with Sheriff Asa Buck and the event in Morehead City*
 - *Down East Pharmacy 3is working to become a drop-off site*
- ❖ Action: DE training/education initiative (Mark)

Atlantic – Hot dog fund raiser – will also be selling t-shirts
 Hunting quarter’s Primitive Baptist church - - putting up picket fence

Straits May 14 - - Loon Day – At the Carvers Guild

May 28 – Artisan Fair at Kindred Spirit

Next Meeting:

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lillie Chadwick Miller, Secretary

Next meeting June 6, 7:00 - -

Meeting adjourned 8:00