

**DEC – August 4, 2014**

**6:00 pm**

The meeting of the Down East Council was called to order by James Morris.

Lillie Chadwick Miller read the July minutes which were approved as read.

Survey results were then discussed.

As part of the discussion of the survey results as they related to the greatest concern for Down East being quality of roads, Nic Johnson presented information from the Transportation Committee of which he is a member. The committee is looking at submitting a proposal to widen hwy 70 from East Carteret corner to Harkers Island Road. Statistics show that approximately 9700 cars per day travel that road. There are also safety issues involving the entire length of Hwy 70 from East Carteret, such as little or no shoulders on either side of the road and dangerous situations involving individuals on bikes and hikers. Mr. Johnson explained that in order to make progress on improving Hwy 70 in the Down East area, it would be impossible to get approval by submitting such a large project. Therefore, the committee is suggesting that the total project be broken down into smaller projects. The section between ECHS and Harkers Island Road has the greatest traffic and is therefore the best first steps.

Mr. Johnson suggested that if Down East Council agrees

1. ECHS to Harkers Island Road as first project

Courtney Pickett presented a powerpoint about SWC

It was suggested that the presentation be shared via Facebook and/or email to all council members

Also provide new council members with PDF of Resource Team Reports which is located on the SWC website: [www.saltwaterconnections.org](http://www.saltwaterconnections.org)

NPS – ORV Plan

James presented information from meeting with Pat Kinney – superintendent

Make a posting on facebook page – to provide information about the management plan

As a summary of the plan

**Committee reports –**

*DE Sign*

Two signs – at North River Bridge and at Cedar Island

August meeting – follow up meeting via phone

Specific ideas and sketches

Next meeting – August 18

Develop final sign design

Wild Caught – August 23

Diamond City Homecoming – August 16-17

DECN: Operating and need: (1) DE folks to view the online newspaper (2) information to be submitted for publication.

September meeting will be held at Davis Fire Department at 7:00 on September 8

Jonathan Robinson made the following suggestions:

Directional signs – in Havelock – directing people Down East

Encourage utilization of ferries