

Down East Council regular meeting. June 6, 2017 at Williston UMC at 7:00 PM.  
Minutes of meeting.

7 members were present and 2 guests.

The guests were Kristy Rogers Craig and Will Rogers from the Small Business Center at Carteret Community College.

The Secretary's report was accepted as given.

There was no Treasurers' report.

The Chairman introduced our guests, Kristy Rogers Craig and Will Rogers. Kristy is part of the Small Business Center at the Carteret Community College and Will is a CPA in Morehead City. They attended our meeting to learn of our work and let us know how they can assist us.

The group meets at the CSWM on the first Thursday of each month from 8 to 9 AM. There is no cost. That info will be added to the Council web site.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Barbara asked that we review the community survey action list to determine where we should direct or next activities. We are looking at changing the economic base of the Down East communities to include tourism and aquaculture. The Chairman said we should rewrite our action plan with new items and get new ideas from the public. We will add trying to obtain electronics disposal containers for the transfer stations to our action list.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

It was suggested that we support the group the Mountain to the Sea Trail System land acquisition and help form a Friends of the Trail group to assist in the maintenance. We need to start contacting people in County Government and land owners to gain support for this effort. Chairman Blake volunteered to make calls to get started.

We should add items of interest to our web site and send list to editor of the County Compass

Newspaper for people to see.

Items for web page;

There will be a BBQ at the Gloucester Community Center on June 17, 2017 to benefit the community scholarship.

A Down East Precincts pot luck social held June 16, 2017 at the community center in Gloucester starting at 6 PM, call for more info 910 526-3574.

There will be a community day at the CSWM June 26, 2017.

There will be a Wild Caught festival August 18 and 19 2017 to be held in Gloucester. Location TBA.

The next meeting will be September 5, 2017 at 7 PM at the Williston UMC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Art Noyes, Secretary