

Down East Council regular meeting; October 17, 2017 at the Williston UMC.

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Lillie Miller.

There was 10 members present.

The Secretary's report was accepted as given.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as given, there is \$651.82 on hand, no bills.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lillie gave a brief update about the Mountain to Sea Trail for the newcomers. It was decided that the group should get involved in supporting the trail. It was also noted that there is interest in a bike trail.

It was noted that the interpretive signs for each Down East Community on the Outer Banks Scenic By-way are almost done and will be installed soon.

New comers to the group asked about the area survey done in past. Lillie gave a short review and will add the survey results to the web site so all can review for future projects.

Lillie also gave an overview of how the council works and past projects.

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan McNamara, from the Bridge Down East, told about the Bridge's plans for a possible drug rehab program to be held there. More info to come.

There was a discussion of items that the Council should get involved in. Most members were positive about items for better recreation. Those items were hiking trails, biking trails, parks and better water access.

Members also thought we should get involved in and sponsor types of road cleanups and other ecological areas. Need to start with the school age kids.

A need for plans surrounding the new proposed Harkers Island Bridge included more beach area, expanded parking areas, more boat ramps and saving the fishing pier and lights.

The need for an electronics drop off point was brought up, that is in progress.

It was decided that members go home and go over the survey that will be on the web site and list those items that are most needed. The items will be discussed at the next meeting and the group will prioritize an action list.

A member stated that BC/BS sent a notice of rate increases and that the increases will not be as drastic as in the notices.

It was stated that the Down East Christmas Parade will be in Otway this year on December 10?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Next meeting will be November 14, 2017 and elections will be held then.