

Down East Council regular meeting; September 5, 2017, 7 PM at the Williston UMC.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Blake.

There were 4 members present and 3 guests.

The Secretary's report was accepted as given.

The Treasurer's reports for the months of May, June, July and August were presented and were accepted as given. Latest balance on hand is \$671.82. The reports were accepted as given.

OLD BUSINESS:

- * Barbara stated that she had contacted the County about the Mountain to the Sea Trail and it seems that the folks she talked to know nothing about the trail or any progress. We will have to enlighten them.

The NC Coastal Federation is holding a meeting and opening of that portion of the trail on September 9, 2017 at the Otway site of the Open Grounds Farm Restoration area. Barbara plans on attending. It was stated that we need to get started talking and looking for people and land acquisition for the trail

- * Questions were asked if anyone has seen any publications about the Outer Banks Scenic Byway, some were seen on the ferries but no other sightings. Need to get some out.

We are looking at ways to get a community market going in the area. Mark has stated he is willing to do at his store. Difficult to get going because of others in area and limited number of farms in area.

- * There was a discussion of re-visiting the Community Survey that was completed for ideas for projects. Need to contact some of the people that responded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara announced a new program starting up that is hoping to get the younger commercial fishermen interested in training to make them better prepared to enter the business world. The program will start soon at the Day At The Docks program on Hatteras.

There is a plan to have people tell how the changes in the ecology in the area.

- * There will be a group offering a photography class at the CSWM on ~~October 1, 2017~~, *Jan 2018*

- * It was noted that elections for office in the Down East Council will be held at the November meeting.

The next regular meeting will be October 3, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.