



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Zoom

Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Lisa Surbrook

IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa Surbrook, Scott Bowers, Kevin Nemeth

CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Surbrook called the meeting to order. Previous meeting minutes from 10/15/25 were approved.

Ongoing Business:

- a. TEDI tree management – Scott Bowers has been caring for the trees by watering and weeding. Our survival rate has been great, approximately 90%. There are several trees that were planted by Delmarva that will need new stakes and netting this spring. We will be partnering with Ardentown to treat some areas that have invasive weeds with a pre-emergent weed spray that inhibits invasive seed germination while allowing other natives to grow unharmed. We are working with Weeds, inc. to minimize environmental impacts.
- b. Vegetation inventory – complete, app available for adding Beech Trees. Demo of the ESRI system TBD.
- c. Events – We will be partnering with the other Ardens for Earth Day Clean Up and Arbor Day events in April, date TBD. We need to hold an Arbor Day event and adopt an official Tree City Proclamation, signed by a village official, that highlights the importance of trees for environmental, economic, and social benefits, urging citizens to plant trees. It will then be submitted to the Arbor Day Foundation to finalize the Tree City USA requirements.
- d. Beech Leaf disease and treatment – the committee is researching costs related to treating existing Beech trees.

- e. Climate change informational session to be planned by John Wendroth and the committee.
- f. Upsandowns Native Plant Sanctuary – we removed most weeds in the fall and covered the area with tarps to deter any new weed growth. Additional planning underway for Spring. If anyone is interested in donating native plants, please contact Lisa Surbrook or Roberta Brandao.

New Business: No New Business

UPCOMING VILLAGE ASSEMBLY MEETING AGENDA TOPICS AND MANAGEMENT

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NEXT MEETING

Next meeting TBD, virtually at <https://bit.ly/Ardencroft>

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 p.m. and was passed unanimously.