



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Location: Home of John Wendroth

Date: October 15, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by: Lisa Surbrook

IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa Surbrook, Scott Bowers, Jeannie Stith, John Wendroth, Kevin Nemeth

CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lisa Surbrook called the meeting to order. Previous meeting minutes from 4/9/25 were approved.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Unfinished 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%. We will be creating sign up sheet for tree or area adoption for continued weeding and removal of invasive plants.
- b. Vegetation inventory – complete, app available for adding Beech Trees. Demo of the ESRI system TBD.
- c. Events - Earth Day Clean Up and Arbor Day events in April, Invasive plant clean up day TBD
- c. Forest Stewardship Policy – Reading / adoption to happen at next town meeting.
- d. Delmarva removal of lead contaminated soil – TBD.
- e. Climate change informational session to be planned by John Wendroth and the committee.

New Business:

a. Beech Tree Leaf disease

- The disease is caused by a foliar nematode, a type of microscopic roundworm, that feeds inside the leaf buds of beech trees
- Symptoms: Early in the infection, you may notice dark bands or stripes forming between leaf veins, later the leaves will curl at the edges and the canopy becomes thinner.
- Treatment: potassium phosphite: Applied as a soil drench, this treatment helps boost the tree's immune system and reduce fungal infection.
- Scott and Lisa walked Ardencroft public lands with Carol Larson and identified a number of trees that we will be treating with phosphite.
- Please check leaseholds for Beech trees and identify if they are showing signs of the disease. We will be determining cost of treatment and see if we can offer treatment on leaseholds also.
- Leaseholders also need to identify and remove dead Ash trees on leaseholds.

b. Upsandowns Native Plant Sanctuary

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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 8:00 p.m. and was passed unanimously.