



*Center for the Inland Bays*  
39375 Inlet Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

## Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Citizen's Cafe Agenda

DATE & TIME: *THU: February 17, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00pm*

LOCATION: Zoom. All must register. Registration link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvdu6orD0iHtJkC0PE\\_4cYNqQWncMtMVQ7](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvdu6orD0iHtJkC0PE_4cYNqQWncMtMVQ7)

Meeting called to order by: Claire Simmers

Attendees:

CAC (6): Rick Chamberlin; Pete Keenan; Amanda Pappas; Cheryl Rehrig; Claire Simmers; Richard Watson

CIB (3): Lisa Swanger; Caitlin Chaney; Jackie Knoll

Public (11): Mike Smith; Kerin Magill; Mary Stuart; Diann Sherwin; Eileen Ferro, Patti Spackman; Jeanette Akhter; Dan Levesque; Linda Blumner; Joan Hutchinson; Gordon Gipe

CAC not present: Dennis Bartow, Gary Cannon, Linda Grande, John Grandy, Frank Piorko, Jalyn Powell

### Theme: The Importance of Native Plants

## AGENDA

6:00-6:05 Gathering – Welcome

6:05-6:35 Citizen Storytelling - The Importance of Native Plants

Cheryl Rehrig, Inland Bays Garden Center; CAC member

- Lack of trees and scrubs in the area, especially in the developing areas of the county
- Lots of maintenance with lawns
- Native plants support all kinds of life and are hardy and reclaim land; protects water. Sense of place and create habitat. They clean the air.
- What can we do: mow less; control invasive plants; avoid insecticides and pesticides; practice neglect; plant powerhouse of native friendly plants.
- Native plants – resident since the beginning of time and support the native life cycles. Easy to find and prices coming down due to increased demand; they have a supply.
- Rebuilding biodiversity from the ground up.

6:35-7:05 CIB Storytelling – Sharing the work planning for CIB

Lisa Swanger, Outreach & Education Coordinator

- Briefly discussed strategic planning for the next 3 years.

- Shared the work planning for the CIB FY2023 (Oct 1 2022-Sep 30 2023). This is an annual plan
- Reviewed last year's accomplishments for each of the departments/general programs of CIB
- Question about oyster reefs, number locations
- Reviewed CAC FY2023 goals: membership, resolutions; homeowners' associations connections; increasing the diversity of reach for the CIB

7:05-7:15 Citizen's Input

- No input

7:15-8:00 CAC Storytelling - administrative discussions

- Approval of minutes: Richard Watson motioned to enter into the record. November 04, 2021 minutes approved unanimous vote of those CAC present to approve.
- Center Updates: Lisa Swanger – Outreach and Education Coordinator
  - Homeowner's Guide published
  - Introduced Caitlin Chaney
  - Reviewed volunteer opportunities
  - Native Plant Sale – May 14, 2022; James Farm; partner with DNREC Family Water Fun Fest
  - Scheduling regular Public Programs
  - PEEP update
- Discussion of resolution
  - 01\_2022 - Climate Change - Sussex County and Center for Inland Bay Partnership
    - Motion to enter into record by Richard Watson
    - Dr. Jeanette Akhter provided background on the rationale for this resolution
    - Very little discussion from either CAC or public
    - Approved by unanimous vote of those CAC present to approve
- Status of CAC Resolutions
  - Rick Chamberlin presented an update on the Oyster Hatchery
- CAC role and membership recruitment
  - Tom Brett resigned from the CAC due to a busy work schedule
  - Reviewed need for new CAC members and for all CAC members to be recruiting for new members

CAC 2022 Meeting Schedule:

CAC - 6PM - 8:00PM
Thursday, February 17, 2022; Thursday, April 28, 2022; Thursday, August 4, 2022; Thursday, October 27, 2022

Respectfully submitted

*C.A. Simmen*

February 22, 2022