

**Town of South Bethany
Community Relations Committee Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2023**

In attendance: Edie Dondero, Chair; Lisi Biciocchi, Ingrid Moore.
Absent: Shelly Levey, Margaret Oliver

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dondero at 10:02am.

1. Approval of minutes of 4.12.2023

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no changes.

2. Public comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. Review of May 2nd Program

A debrief was held about the May 2nd lecture on native plants and discussion about both the positives and negatives of the program ensued. Overall, the program was well attended and well received. A suggestion was made by Ms. Moore to hold another similar program in the fall which could focus on how to winterize your yard/garden.

Lessons learned from the event—which was the first use of the newly renovated Council meeting room—included moving the start time earlier (to 5pm); having more chairs set out in the room; securing access to the storage closet to pull out more chairs as needed; and working through the kinks with the new computer set-up.

4. Preparation for Remaining May Events

The second Earth Day-inspired lecture will be held on May 18th. Ms. Dondero will talk with Town staff to see if the Zoom Room set-up will be operational by then so residents can attend virtually if desired. In addition, the Committee has planned a community bonfire on the beach for the evening of May 13th. Ms. Moore pointed out that the flyers posted to advertise the bonfire were confusing regarding the date. They included the word “rescheduled” which has generated some confusion as to whether May 13th is being cancelled or if May 13th is the rescheduled date. MS. Dondero will talk to the Town Clerk about modifying the flyers.

5. Discussion of SBPOA Summer Kick-off Party

A discussion took place about what to offer at the CRC’s booth at the SMPOA summer kick-off party. Ms. Dondero will make flyers promoting upcoming events and will create a “vote

for the event/program you'd like to see" poster. She is also working on a flyer to help differentiate the activities and work of the CRC from that of SBPOA, as there tends to be confusion about who is responsible for what.

6. Other Business

A committee member asked if there would be another photo contest this year. The suggestion as made to have one of last year's winning photos (or another donated photo) printed on a set of note cards that could be sold at the holiday tree lighting to raise money for the food bank.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02am.