

Mayor's Task Force
On Litter Prevention, Recycling and the Environment
Thursday Feb 8, 2024, Town Council Building, 5:15 pm
MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by David Herlong.
2. Roll Call: Acting Town Liasson Tyler Newman, Trish Rand (co-chair), David Herlong (co-chair), Karen Mastin (secretary), Susan Inglis, Steve Karl, and Larry McLaughlin were present. Alta LeCompte and April Lane were absent.
3. The Minutes for the October and November Meetings were approved.
4. The group spent some time discussing the Chamber of Commerce Award to be called "The Mayor's Award for Environmental Responsibility". It is designed:
"To encourage awareness of the need to protect and enhance Edenton's natural beauty through the annual recognition of a business, civic group or individual that has significantly addressed environmental concerns in our community."

Susan Inglis is working on submitting the online application for the Chamber of Commerce. The group discussed different prospects for the award and their merits. It was agreed that the Chowan Edenton Environmental Group is the best candidate for the award this year. The group will work on listing the specific criteria for next year's award with the possibility of getting nominations from the community.

Tyler will talk to Mayor High about the Award and set up a date for Susan and David to talk to him about our recommendation and his responsibility of a "speech" when awarding it at the dinner. Mary Ellen Hill will be asked to help design the award certificate.

5. A letter of appreciation for David Myers and Public Works Dept was discussed to thank them for their work with the recycling program. Tyler suggested presenting it to them during a town employee event in the spring.
6. Tyler said that so far there has been 27,000 pounds of recycling collected. Approximately 300 customers are using the service. 50 recycling bins have been confiscated for being used as trash containers. The group discussed the items that are being misplaced in the containers, and how to further educate the public.

7. The next meeting of the RCCP, Resilient Coastal Communities Program, is Feb 27, at 3:30 at the Town Council building. The group decided that working with this organization will be our focus for this year.

8. The Community Litter Sweep this spring will be planned in conjunction with Dick Mayer's scheduled litter pick up on April 20, before the Easels in the Garden Event.

9. The next meeting is March 14th at 5:15.