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*One voice to preserve, protect & enhance the Currituck Outer Banks
for residents, owners, visitors & businesses*

CCA MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

28 September 2023

Call to order at 6 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of the Board by Barb Marzetti, President; Wayne Evans, Vice President; Tony Cerri, Secretary; Ben Watson, member; Scott Quigley, member. A quorum was established.

Guest Speakers

- Sylvia Wolff and Meghan Agresto, cofounders of Water's Edge Village School (WEVS).
- The school's history extends from approximately 1895 when it was constructed for children of lighthouse keepers and lifesavers. The school was closed in the 1950s because there weren't enough children to maintain it. The building passed through many owners after it closed.
- In 2010, Sylvia and Meghan along with other locals, began working to reopen the school for Corolla children. Sylvia worked on the curriculum and Meghan worked on the process. The school was granted a charter in 2012 based on geographic isolation. It officially opened as a K – 6 school with 16 students and 2 teachers. 7th grade was added in 2017. 8th grade added in 2018. It's now K – 8 and school is growing. Currently uses portion of the chapel for classroom space.
- Grass roots fundraising to build a new school that will cost approximately \$1.4M. Wayne and Betty Evans kicked off the campaign with a \$250K donation. NOTE that the Twiddy family has backed the school from the very beginning – from use of the historic school building, the adjacent property donated for the new building, and other ongoing support. 80 – 90% of restaurants in Corolla have participated in fundraising. There have been a lot of generous donations from the community. Still a need for \$150K of \$1.4M for building. Another campaign will kick off to support the furnishings in the school. Any support is solicited from donations to hosting events. The state cannot contribute to buildings for charter schools.
- The Currituck School Superintendent has visited and acknowledged WEVS is doing a service for Currituck.
- The current plan is to begin using the new school for the 24 – 25 school year.
- Meghan continued with a brief update on Currituck Beach Lighthouse. Looking at a plan to help mitigate the impact of the wind turbines built off Corolla coast. She is working on getting the lighthouse on the national historic site register.

Old Business:

- NC DOT jumped on many of the items that were identified to them at the last CCA meeting. Completed many.
- The playground is not finished.
- The handicap ramp to public beach access on Corolla Village Road is repaired.
- Another meeting was held for the Corolla Boat Club project. CCA members attended. Project has changed significantly. The developer must go back to the BoC for approval. There were a lot of questions from the members about this project.
- The recommendation coming out of the County's 3-year beach study was to create a beach management plan. The contractor to create the plan has not been identified. Members were shown a short presentation of dune damage occurring in September alone. There was a lot of discussion that ranged from OT use to service districts.

No new business items were identified.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM