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**Barnegat Bay Partnership
Communication and Education Committee (CEC) Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2016 (9:30 a.m.) at BBP Office**

Present:

Members: Becky Laboy (OCSCD), Shari Kondrup (BTMUA), Lynette Lurig (NJDEP), Kimberly Belfer (SBB), Karen Walzer (BBP)

BBP Staff: Betsy Hyle, Stan Hales

Guests: George Murnyak (BBP Citizen Representative)

Members Absent: Angela Andersen (LBIF), Peter Brandt (EPA), Lisa Auermuller (JCNERR), Wes Dalzell (ReClam the Bay), Scott Bruinooge (OCC), Chris Claus (OC Parks), Joel Mott (Pinelands Commission)

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of the June 22, 2016 meeting minutes was tabled for the September meeting because a quorum was not present at the July meeting.

CCMP Revision Public Outreach

BBP outreach staff will continue to gather public input at upcoming outreach events and schedule targeted outreach at partner meetings and programs. There was a discussion about getting feedback from students at Georgian Court, Monmouth, and Stockton Universities through a series of classroom visits with videos followed by a discussion and possibly an evening program.

BBP Education Report

The CEC previewed the latest version of the State of the Bay video. The BBP has added footage about the indicators in the SOTB report to the introductory video shown at the SOTB conference. George commented on the good use of non-technical terms instead of technical jargon. Peter suggested that the meaning of the word “nutrients” be defined and nutrient sources be explained. Betsy and Stan said the BBP is planning future videos on topics such as soil health and water conservation.

Partner Updates

NJDEP (Lynette): Nominations for this year’s Governor’s Environmental Excellence awards are due in September. The Harvest the Bay festival at Island Beach State Park is scheduled for August 13th.

BTMUA (Shari): Shari will be presenting programs to girls in K-7 at a scout camp at Georgian Court University this summer.

SBB (Kimberly): The Holgate Taxpayers Association is participating in SBB’s Barnegat Bay Environmental Stewards, a service-oriented program for community groups interested in undertaking bay stewardship projects. The group will be planting dune grass after the Army Corps of Engineers beach replenishment project is completed. The Barnegat Bay Champions program is underway with the Lavalette Yacht Club participating in an eco-kayak tour.

OCSCD (Becky): Becky reported on the progress of their CEC-funded grant project, "From Lawn to Green: Going Green, Saving Green." Planting has been completed at two Ocean First bank branches (Jackson and Brick), and the third one at the Toms River main branch is coming up. The native plants used at the sites were selected using the Jersey-Friendly Yards website.

Cattus Advisory Board (Betsy): The Advisory Board had a sneak preview of the remodeled Cattus Interpretive Center and its new exhibits. It should be opening sometime this fall.

Next Meeting

There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on September 20, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.