MBCA Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2026
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Attendees:

- Michelle Ford
- Michele Kendus
- Matt Davis
- Karl Neidhardt
- Dave Gray
- Nancy Rando
- Peter McGraw
- Jay Mulford
- Jenny Mulford
- Pat “Anne” Neidhardt
- Jane Story

Discussion Summary

1. Beaches: The Environmental Committee and MBCA Beach Committee Chairman, Matt Davis, discussed the topic of refurbishing Crystal Beach. All present support the idea and brainstormed mitigations for anticipated obstacles.
2. Manhattan Woods bamboo clean-up- Success!
3. Triangle plot near Oak Grove Beach: <insert name> presented plan to clear invasives and will share planting map for fall planting of natives.
4. Budget: The committee discussed annual expenses remaining for this year, and planned expenses for FY27 with the intent to present plan to the MBCA Board.

Future Plans

- Crystal Beach Restoration Initiative: Recreate large, sand beach adjacent to boat ramp
  - Target completion date: 2029
  - Assess which invasives are present, issues with water flow (stagnation), and stormwater runoff.
  - Meet with Erik Michelsen about possible courses of action
  - Meet with Paul Spediero at Magothy River Association; potentially obtain historic photos of Crystal Beach
- Invasive Species Management:
  - "Invasive of the Month" flyer for May will focus on Bamboo
- Mosquito Control: Karl Neidhardt worked with Clubhouse neighbor to host Carbon Dioxide traps for environmentally-friendly mosquito control; need to devise schedule for canister replacement and include in future budget.

Budget Discussion:

Environmental Committee Budget

Activity	FY26	FY27
Mosquito Control Device	$900	
Propane Refills	X	X
Native planting on beaches		X
Bamboo haul-off	X	X
Treatment- ToH	X	
Native plants Dividing Beach	$75	
ToH removal Cost share?		X
Oak Grove Triangle	X	

Previous Action Items

Task	POC	Date	Status
Generate meeting minutes and publish	Michelle Ford	5/3/2026	Complete
Treat Invasives on Gordon Paper Road	TBD	TBD	Pending
Remove Bamboo in Manhattan Woods	Michele Kendus	May 2-3 @ 1pm	Complete
Purchase and Install Clubhouse Mosquito Control	Karl Neidhart		Complete
Develop "Invasive of the Month" April	Jane Story/Michelle Ford	4/30/2026	Complete

New Action Items

Task	POC	Date	Status
Generate meeting minutes and publish	Michelle Ford	6/3/2026	New
Treat Invasives on Gordon Paper Road	TBD	TBD	Pending MBCA guidance
Develop "Invasive of the Month" May	Michele Kendus	5/31/2026	New
Boat Ramp Meet-up for Crystal Beach Assessment	Michele Kendus	Mid-June	New