

Scott Creek Committee Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2012
1:00 pm
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Mr. Habhegger

Present:

Dean Habhegger (co-chair)

Nancy Sandel (co-chair)

Al Gantt

Andrew Albenesius (conference call)

Bill Carlisle (conference call)

Iris Hill, Ex officio

Minutes were not sent to all members of the committee and they asked that this be done in the future. Mr. Gantt moved to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2012 meeting. Mr. Carlisle seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- A. Questions were posed regarding the ownership of the fish shack road. Mrs. Hill was asked to verify ownership. Questions also were posed dealing with liability regarding marsh ownership and impacts to the owner of the property. Mrs. Hill was asked to seek a legal opinion from Town Counsel regarding Cocky Dawg's rights if the Town reopens the access roads that intersect Scott Creek. Is this considered public domain? Mrs. Hill was asked to determine ownership of property both sides of Highway 174 at the causeway.

- B. Mr. Albenesius provided a brief overview of his discussions with Tidewater and the possibility of using the Scott Creek Restoration project as a mitigation bank credit to offset wetlands debits for other projects in the state. The mitigation bank approach has significant potential to help defray project costs. The 1st phase of the project will require a significant amount of funding; the committee is aware that the Town has limited funds for this project, so the committee will focus on funding strategies that minimize the Town's outlay.

New Business:

The Committee discussed updating the Town Council at the November 7, 2012 work session to outline the Committee's strategy. Mr. Albenesius suggested prior to moving forward, the Committee get Council's blessing and commitment of funding. He envisions this as a multi-agency funded project with participation from Edisto Beach, NOAA, FEMA, DNR, DOT, etc. Mrs.

Hill suggested the committee provide the proposal in writing prior to the work session for Council review. Mr. Albenesius stated he would provide the written proposal to Mrs. Hill to present to Council. Mrs. Hill gave a brief overview of the DOT Commissioner Rearden's visit and will forward the letter submitted to the DOT to the committee.

Schedule Committee Meeting:

The decision was made to send out an email in lieu of meeting after the presentation to Council on November 7th. The next meeting is scheduled Friday, January 11th at 1:00.

There being no further business, Mr. Gantt moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Sandel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

The media/public was duly notified of the date, time and place of the committee meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2012.

Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk