

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
September 8, 2022
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
10:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Dallas Lovelace, Dave Blauch, Bob Ringer, Paul Oakley, Pat Deloach, Matthew Kizer, Stanley Hergott

Present Ex-Officio: Town Administrator Iris Hill

Staff Present: Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Utilities Director Patrick Zemp, Municipal Clerk Dee Stalvey

Call to Order

Chairman Lovelace called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2022

Mr. Blauch moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2022. Ms. Deloach seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Comments from Town Administrator

No comments from Town Administrator Hill at this time.

Old Business

CSE Groin Project -- Update on Groin 2 Bid

- One bid received; we did not award it. It was \$135,000+. We are reaching out to other contractors to see what we can do.
- Mr. Kizer asked about the permit needed for this. Matt Slagel noted that he and Steve discussed this, so it would be a maintenance and repair request; not a permit. Our request hasn't been submitted yet. Mr. Kizer asked about just putting in grout and rocks -- stacking and grouting it but no cap? Town Administrator Hill noted we can stack it and grout it and rebid it in this way. Ms. Hill noted we are looking into other solutions, but we need to fix it and time is of the essence. Mr. Slagel noted that if we change the dimensions of the groin, and the footprint, we need to get a new permit; if we bring in grout and rock, we must stay within the dimensions.

Nourishment Funding and USACE Project, including Groin 32

- We met with the Army Corps of Engineers. They finalized the validation study, and they will attend the October 13 meeting to talk with this committee. They have removed the Sound portion -- the two inlets -- and the project has been validated. A temporary schedule has been drafted. The cost estimate, based on whether we are successful in "in kind" from 2017, would be \$3.8 million. This stipulation is in the Senate version but not in the House version. Mr. Kizer asked if the "admissions" bill passed? Ms. Hill did not think this was the case but will look into this.

Shore Bird Signage – South End of Edisto Island

- The Shore bird signage was shared with the Committee. Audubon will work to get volunteers to help place these signs at the beach accesses. This is an educational campaign. Ms. Hill noted the Shorebird training class was held last month. We need to do what we can to protect the wildlife here.

Signage for Access around Groin 32

- Mr. Zemp confirmed this sign has been placed.

New Business

Matt Slagel and Blair Williams, DHEC – Beach Permitting

- A question was asked about any open appeals regarding the setback line. Mr. Williams noted all the appeals have been resolved, and there have been no additional challenges to the jurisdictional lines. An appeal is occurring on Kiawah, but all others have been settled. When the lines were set in 2008-2010, they were carried over in 2018 – so these lines remain today. In 2024, the lines will be revised again.
- Mr. Hergott noted a groin was placed on a Massachusetts beach, and they learned the groin starved the beach to the next groin. Mr. Slagel noted that this is usually the case. He also noted any time a groin is proposed, renourishment must be considered, and there must be money set aside for this possibility.
- Question asked about taking sand from the south end of the beach and bring it back to the north? Mr. Slagel noted DNR would have something to say about this; this scenario is a steep regulatory hurdle to get over.
- What can we do to have DHEC or OCR help us as opposed to being a regulatory body? Mr. Slagel thinks we are aligned pretty much since all are concerned about beach renourishment. There is a Coastal Services Division but there are still limitations; can certainly work with the Town on some of these items.
- Question asked if any other beach raised the height of their groins? Mr. Slagel noted Folly Beach did for four or five of their groins, which deteriorated over time, and they rebuilt these groins in conjunction with their renourishment project. Pawley's Island also had a large maintenance and repair project on their groins.
- Question regarding where we are with the restacking of groins 28 and 31. Ms. Hill noted this will still be part of maintenance and repair, but Groin 2 is critical.
- Question regarding permitting of any sea walls. Mr. Slagel responded there has been no such permitting approved since those which have been grandfathered.
- Question asked about bulkheads. Does DHEC approach these homeowners with a proposal that if the homeowner removes the bulkhead, we will do X. Mr. Slagel responded that to his knowledge, he is not aware of this occurring.
- Mr. Slagel noted Ms. Hill is involved with the SC Beachfront Preservation Workgroup, which is very helpful. He is involved with this group as well.
- Town Administrator Hill noted it is critical we maintain some sort of dune vegetation.

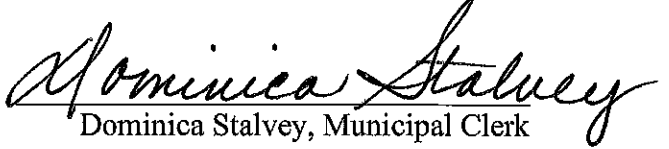
Other problem areas or issues

No additional issues to discuss at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Kizer moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE


Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk

January 12, 2023