

Tide Committee
June 14, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Camille Lemon, Virginia Stephenson, Gary Cantrell, and Edye Graves

Absent: Betsy Daise, (excused) Lisa White, (excused) and Clark McCrary (excused)

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

Due to excused absence of Chair Daise, Ms. Lemon was appointed as Temporary Chair for this meeting.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lemon at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2023

Ms. Lemon made a motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023. Mr. Cantrell seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Town Administrator Update

Project Updates

- The Jungle Road bathroom is out for bid. There will be a path leading to the bathrooms with outdoor showers and a water fountain. There will also be a bike repair station, a kiosk with a map of the walking and biking paths.
- All Town parks are now under a mowing contract.
- The Bay Creek Park sign will be removed and painted; the sign will also include Market information.
- Dominion is finishing up the tree cutting. They are cutting approximately 23 trees per day. 70% of the trees have been cut.

New Business

Meeting with South Carolina Forestry

The following information was relayed by Ms. Stephenson regarding a tree replanting program:

- Motivation for trees project is for our survival and the environment
- Met with Cora of SC Trees. Cora noted the next step is a meeting with the Mayor, perhaps Mr. Kizer, the Town Administrator, and any council member/administrator who'd like to participate. The purpose of the meeting is to see where the Mayor and others want to go with this project and to ensure all are on the same page.
- Need to decide where to start planting trees
- Need to decide the best trees for Edisto
- Need to decide first steps
- Perhaps 3-4 different kinds of trees in specific locations

- Grants are available

Mr. Aakhus noted that Dominion is working on providing a grant to the Town. More details will be provided as we receive them. We are reaching out to the property owners who were affected. Any replanting program is not intended for the right of ways or parking areas.

Additional Items

The following items were mentioned by Committee members:

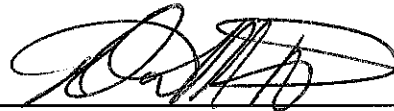
- Topic of burying power lines was discussed.
- Palmetto Blvd. is a four-lane road, but two lanes are used for parking. No changes are planned currently.
- Mr. Cantrell asked for an update on the Adopt-a-Beach Access program. There are no updates at this time. Ms. Stalvey will send the latest version of Beach Access Adoption to the members.
- Some discussion was held on ways to beautify the causeway and the area by Food Lion and the liquor store. Parts of this area are owned by private owners and also SCDOT.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cantrell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
August 2, 2023