

**TIDE Committee**  
**October 4, 2023**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Edisto Beach Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Betsy Daise, Chair, Virginia Stephenson, Gary Cantrell, Lisa White, Edye Graves, and Clark McCrary

**Absent:** Camile Lemon, (excused)

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes – September 6, 2023**

Ms. Stephenson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 6, 2023, with correction as noted. Ms. White seconded this motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Updates:**

Town Administrator Aakhus presented the following update:

- Storm debris pick up is 95% completed.
- Jungle Park Road bathroom project is progressing and on schedule.
- Assistant Town Administrator Stalvey will be attending a mandatory grant meeting for the funding of the Jungle Shores Bike Path project.

**Old Business:**

**Light Pollution:**

- Ms. Graves provided research she compiled from similar coastal towns and cities in regard to ordinances on light. The ordinance we currently have mirrors that of other municipalities and most of them focus on the protection of the turtles.
- Ms. Stevenson mentioned that lighting not only affects turtles but other wildlife as well.
- Mr. McCrary shared there are ways to measure the brightness of the light's lumens, and kelvins, but not a way to enforce the public's use of them.
- Ms. White stated this is an issue that should be addressed, and all agreed, but before moving forward there needs to be a defined, clear presentation of facts. Ms. Daise noted that public education is the key. Committee members will provide to Ms. Daise suggestions regarding items to consider in recommending additions to current ordinance.
- Ms. Graves made a motion to table this until the next TIDE meeting to be held on November 1, 2023, Mr. Cantrell seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Recycling:

- New recycling signage has been placed at the Convenience Station, but more permanent signage will be installed. The Town's website has been updated and additional information was published in the monthly newsletter.

Christmas Tree Photo Opportunity:

- The Town will be featuring a Christmas Tree at one of the beach accesses for photo opportunities. Our visitors and residents will have the opportunity to take photos with friends and family. This will be advertised on the Town's website and in the monthly newsletter.

New Business/Open Discussion:

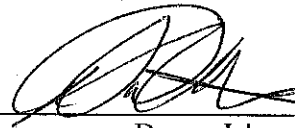
- A discussion was held concerning the Town's noise ordinance and how it pertains to the TIDE Committee.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE**



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Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk  
November 1, 2023