

**TIDE COMMITTEE**  
**December 6, 2023**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Edisto Beach Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Betsy Daise, Chair, and Edye Graves, Virginia Stephenson. Lisa White, Camille Lemon, and Gary Cantrell

**Absent:** Clark McCrary

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Betsy Daise, Chair, at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Daise made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Town Administrator Updates**

Mr. Aakhus reported on the following items:

- Mr. Aakhus shared the information he received from Mr. Garbin at Dominion Energy. Turtle friendly amber lights are only installed on beachfront. DOT requires all lights not on beachfront be white and as the yellow ones burn out, they will be replaced with white. The Town would have to pay the cost of replacing the current lights with yellow and possibly run the risk of being non-compliant with DOT. Mr. Aakhus stated that according to Dominion, no other coastal towns have yellow lights throughout the town. He also clarified that DOT only has jurisdiction on state roads.

**Old Business**

**Light Pollution**

- Ms. Daise thanked Mr. Aakhus for following up with Dominion and recommended the committee approach the issue from an educational standpoint as opposed to an ordinance change.
- Mr. Cantrell suggested getting the word out through the various community clubs in the area.
- Ms. Graves made a motion to table the light pollution topic until a later date. Ms. Daise seconded the motion.
  - Yeas: Ms. Daise, Ms. Graves, Ms. Lemon, Mr. Cantrell, and Ms. White
  - Nays: Ms. Stephenson
  - Motion Approved

### Christmas Tree

- The Christmas Tree has been set up on Beach Access 30 and, thanks to Ms. White and Ms. Graves, it is beautifully decorated.

### Recycling

- Ms. Daise noted the Edisto News had published articles pertaining to recycling.
- Mr. Aakhus reported the new metal signs for the Convenience Center have been ordered with clearer verbiage. He made a recommendation to supply rental agencies with refrigerator magnets to make people aware of recycling. The Town will work on a suggested design.
- Mr. Brown suggested placing stickers on the trash receptacles.

### New Business/General Discussion

- Ms. White suggested the committee discuss which direction the TIDE Committee should focus on in 2024. She suggested the committee get back to the purpose of the committee and perhaps combine efforts with Keep Edisto Beautiful.
- Ms. Daise agreed to contact Kristi Outland, Keep Edisto Beautiful Director, for an update.
- Mr. Cantrell asked if there were any plans for additional trash receptacles on Jungle Road. Mr. Aakhus replied there were no plans to do so.

### Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE**



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Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk  
March 6, 2024