

**TOPSAIL ISLAND
SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMISSION**

July 28, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.

Surf City

Town Hall

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mike Curley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman Michael Curley - Surf City
Ed Broadhurst - Topsail Beach
Dick Peters- North Topsail Beach
Hiram Williams- Surf City
Ed Broadhurst – Topsail Beach
Michael Benson – North Topsail Beach
David Ward- Surf City
Julian Bone – Topsail Beach

Liaisons:

Stuart Turille – North Topsail Beach
Larry Bergman – Surf City
Mike Rose – Topsail Beach

Others Attending:

Steve Smith – Topsail Beach Commissioner
John Goller - Topsail Beach
Fred Burns – North Topsail Beach
Linda Stipe – Topsail Beach
Larry Combs- Topsail Beach
Howard Braxton – Topsail Beach
Tom Eggleston – Topsail Beach

II. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Williams made the motion to approve the June 2016 minutes. Mr. Peters seconded the motion and it was carried.

III. Old Business:

A. Poyner Spruill (Mike McIntyre):

Mr. McIntyre stated over the last few months there has been a lot of progress, particularly with the North Topsail Beach CBRA issue. Senator Burr and Senator Tillis both have asked for a legal opinion on the delineation of North Topsail Beach's correction of the CBRA areas from the Congressional Research Service at the request of Mr. McIntyre. We are now waiting on the legal opinion to come back. The energy water appropriations bill by the Senate has been passed, but the House bill was defeated. There was debate over amendments. The energy and water bills will have to be re-considered by the House, and when they do so is unforeseen at this time. The most likelihood will be that there will be a continuing resolution to operate under this year's budget until after the Presidential inauguration. Therefore the WRDA bills will probably not be considered until after Veterans Day.

B. Connie Wilson

Mr. Bergman stated that Mrs. Wilson has gathered some information from each town in regards to tax value and population. She is working on developing a strategy to take with her.

Mr. Rose concurred.

Mr. Turille stated the next step should be to take the information to our representative to show them how badly the funds are needed to preserve the beach. That the state representatives need to know how difficult is it for these small towns to maintain the beach.

Mrs. Kathleen with NCBIWAS has put together funding committee. The new BIMP is due by the end of the year. We have put together what information we need in there. We have heard from multiple Senators that we must convince Raleigh that what is the return on investment; it's an economic argument. There is power in numbers; we must work together in unity. The General Assembly has a coastal caucus that has not met in the last few years. The coastal communities need to figure out how to work with the Tourism Authority.

It was consensus that Dick Peters take on organizing a group for the August 22nd meeting that was recommended by Connie Wilson and include NCBIWAS.

C. Revised Charter

Mr. Curley stated that all governing bodies have approved the revised charter, except for Onslow County. However, he had spoken to Mrs. Williams and she felt that their Commissioners would not have a problem with the revision. Mr. Broadhurst made a motion to accept the amendment to the charter. Mr. Peters seconded the motion and it was carried.

D. Town Local Projects:

1. North Topsail Beach:

Mr. Turille stated they recently completed a dredge project at the north end. The sand is holding up well by the New River mouth. The New River is a highly dynamic situation. N. Topsail Beach is working on grants for dredging the ocean bar, there needs to be another 2.4 million match. At this time there is no match. Currently they are working with Onslow County, Camp Lejeune, and the State. They have signed an agreement with Onslow County for a terminal groin, but Onslow County is studying other types of groins. The town and the county has come up with \$550,000 to start the design.

2. Topsail Beach:

Mr. Rose stated they are continuing to work with the Corps to get sand from the channel for beach nourishment. The BIS committee has been working together on a thirty-year period of cost to deal with projects in the further.

3. Surf City:

Mr. Bergman stated nothing significant in regards to local projects. The town is almost finished with beach plantings.

E. Status of Existing Corps Projects:

F. CRC Update

Mr. Moore had no updates. The next meeting is in Beaufort the second week in July.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

V. OPEN FORUM:

No one came forward.

VI. Next Meeting:

Mr. Curley stated that the next meeting will be August 22nd that 2pm at North Topsail Beach Town Hall.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Ward and the motion carried.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Michael Curley, TISPC Chairman

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, TISPC Recorder