

**TOPSAIL ISLAND  
SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMISSION**

November 17, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.

North Topsail Beach

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  
Steve Smith – Topsail Beach (sub for Jerry Patton)  
Michael Benson – North Topsail Beach  
David Ward- Surf City  
Julian Bone – Topsail Beach  
Dick Macartney- North Topsail Beach  
Randall Woodruff- Pender County

**Liaisons:**

Stuart Turille – North Topsail Beach

**Others Attending:**

John Goller - Topsail Beach  
Linda Stipe- Topsail Beach  
Larry Combs- Topsail Beach  
Fred Burns – North Topsail Beach  
Mike Moore – CRC Representative

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

No motion was made in regard to the October 27, 2016 minutes.

**III. Old Business:**

Mr. Curley went over the agenda, he said that he mistakenly put Howard Marlowe's name on the agenda.

He stated that Connie Wilson had reported that the State is doing a beach nourishment study in Raleigh. Mr. Macartney clarified and said that it is the updated BIMP plan and that some of the data from it was presented at the NCBIWA meeting. Mr. Curley said that Ms. Wilson wants us to be aware of it and that the towns should become involved when it is necessary.

Mr. Smith said the new BIMP data shows where the owners of the beach homes live permanently. He said that all counties in NC are represented on the coast but three. He said that there is another set of numbers on the economic impact but that those figures have not been finalized. He said they are broken down different than the first BIMP report.

Mr. Macartney said they thought about adding a deep draft component to the plan. He said there were two State senators in attendance at the NCBIWA meeting, Mike Lee and Harry Brown. He said that Mike Lee seems to be impatient about the report being released and for action to take place. He said Harry Brown did not seem as anxious to do more work after having worked on the shallow draft inlet fund a few years ago. Mr. Macartney said it was very encouraging that the legislature asked for the updated BIMP plan and that now the data says that ownership is not all local.

**A. Poyner Spruill – Mike McIntyre –**

Mr. McIntyre made comments about NCBIWA which was formed early in his term as congressman. He said that the beaches need to be working together on these issues. He said that NCBIWA is organized well and focused and that he is pleased that they are looking at being very active with the general assembly.

Mr. McIntyre highlighted a few items from his monthly memo. He said that the commission needs to be out there talking to our representatives about WRDA. He also explained that the system has changed where the bureaucrats are making the decisions on how the funding is divided up.

**B. Connie Wilson - Already discussed prior to Mr. McIntyre.**

**C. Town's Local Projects**

North Topsail Beach - Mr. Turille discussed what the Town has been doing in response to Hurricane Matthew. He said that the Town is making progress in pulling in all of the stakeholders into a cost-sharing vision in relation to New River navigation. He said that Camp Lejeune recently organized a meeting to discuss navigation. He said he thinks things are moving in a positive direction. The Town is planning to send an invitation to the new County Commissioners to meet with the Town to discuss what the Town is doing as far as the shoreline and navigation and the executed interlocal agreement for a hardened structure. He said that the Town is currently having a vulnerability study and optimization study performed to determine where the placement of the material from the next channel realignment should go. He said that the Town has also contracted with TI coastal to do a design review and options to get the Town started on an EIS for a hardened structure. He said that the new BIMP information will assist the Town with making the case to the County as far as the economic impact of the beach.

Topsail Beach- Nothing new from last time.

Surf City – Mr. Curley said that Mr. Bergman reported that he and Mr. Turille spent time with the US Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the partnership agreement. Parking, beach access, and easements were discussed. He said that the town is planning on doing a town-wide dune push in January.

**D. Status of Existing Corps Projects**

Mr. Curley said that he was unable to reach Ms. Castens and does not know the status. Mr. Macartney said that Congressman McIntyre made good points about strategizing and working with the Corps. Mr. Macartney said that we need to find out who to influence.

There was discussion about the new administration. There was discussion about the shallow draft inlet fund and the opportunity to raise more funds. There was discussion about looking at other ways of restoring the shorelines other than relying on a Federal project.

**E. CRC Update**

Mr. Moore reported that the next CRC meeting is November 30 through December 1 at Atlantic Beach and that he will send the agenda when he receives it. There was discussion about the membership of the CRC in regard to the possibility of having a new governor.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Turille made comments about Ms. Wilson's email regarding the governor's request to FEMA. He noticed that there was not a beach nourishment item on the list. Mr. Turille said that he would ask Ms. Wilson about it and get back to the commission.

Mr. Curley announced that there will be an election of the officials for TISPC in January. He reminded the commission that he will not be serving again.

**V. OPEN FORUM:**

Mr. Smith reported further on the NCBIWA meeting and said that many towns have the same problem, they just don't have the money to keep things going. He said that the towns appreciate the inlet fund but it is still not enough to do what they want to do. It's tough to find the money and they do not know how to generate that revenue. He said there was discussion about getting the State to adjust the gas tax. He said the realtors association killed any idea of changing the occupancy taxes. There were discussions about a special sales tax – maybe seasonal. There was also an idea to do what SC does -- if you are not a resident of SC you get taxed special for the ownership of the property. He said he did not know how much that would generate. He said every community is looking at the State. Mr. Bone said that there needs to be caution

about what we are asking for and that we need to make sure that we are specific about how the funds are to be used. Mr. Randall said that the best time to discuss this issue is when the County is doing a revaluation and to work with the County to increase funding though it could be controversial. He said that the economic data on the value of beaches would be a good topic for the joint meetings with the County.

Mr. Smith also mentioned that the three towns as a community need to look at what is going on around us. He said there are other communities enacting ordinances that may drive more people to Topsail Island. He said that this is going to cause issues with law enforcement and traffic. He said he thinks TIPSC should talk about its charter or seek assistance from other associations on the island who value what the island has to offer.

There was consensus for the commission members to talk to their boards about the TISPC charter and gauge interest in changes such as having TISPC look at other things, like funding outside of the Army Corps of Engineers and ordinances that have to do with beach activities. There will be discussion about the boards' responses at the January meeting.

**VI. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on January 26, 2017 at Surf City Town Hall.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Macartney made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bone seconded the motion and it was carried.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Michael Curley  
TISPC Chairman

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Carin Z. Faulkner  
TISPC Recorder