

**TOPSAIL ISLAND
SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMISSION**

February 23, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.
Topsail Beach, Town Hall

March 22, 2017

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman Steve Smith – Topsail Beach
David Ward – Surf City
Dick Peters- North Topsail Beach
Mike Curley – Surf City
Jerry Patton – Topsail Beach
Michael Benson – North Topsail Beach
Hiram Williams- Surf City
Julian Bone – Topsail Beach
Dick Macartney- North Topsail Beach
Randall Woodruff- Pender County
Mark Price - Onslow County

Liaisons:

Stuart Turille – North Topsail Beach
Mike Rose - Topsail Beach

Others Attending:

Mike McIntyre – Poyner Spruill
John Goller - Topsail Beach
Linda Stipe- Topsail Beach
Larry Combs- Topsail Beach
Fred Burns – North Topsail Beach
Mike Moore – CRC Representative
Morton Blanchard - Topsail Beach
Ed Broadhurst – Topsail Beach
Kathleen Riely – NCBIWA's *Executive Director*

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of the January 26, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Bone seconded the motion.

Mr. Benson ask for corrections on page 2 & page 4.

The motion was carried.

3. Consultant/Lobbyist Review

a. Connie Wilson

Mr. Smith stated Connie sent out updates previously in the week. Also that things are moving slow in Raleigh.

b. Poyner Spruill – Mike McIntyre

Mr. McIntyre commented that the new congress is underway. The great need for infrastructure that has been discussed in congress. There is a hope for a new opportunity for waterways bills being pushed by both democrats and republicans. There have been many concerns with the Fish and Wildlife maps in the process of their map updates. The LO6 map would not impact the dredging in the CBRA zone for this area. There are two legislative options for the new CBRA map zones. Option A is a no to the new proposed map amendment. Option B is a vote for an acceptance of the map with the note that Fish and Wildlife will work with N. Topsail for amendments. Legislative Option B is what they are recommending.

Mr. Macartney made a motion to accept Option B with approval from the N. Topsail Beach Alderman. Mr. Benson seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. McIntyre discussed that last year congress would not do a final bill in regards to the fiscal year. Last year they voted a continued budget. It will be mid-April before the new budgeting process will start, there may be some adjustments but they will be very small. Most to all items will stay the same until October when the new fiscal year budget will start.

4. Status of Existing Corps Projects – Pam Castens

Mr. Smith stated that Pam sent an update that she will hopefully have a cost update by the end of April 2017.

5. CRC Update – Mike Moore

Mr. Moore reported there were two variances on the agenda for this area. One is in regards to raising a house in Topsail Beach, this request was referred back to the town board of adjustments. The other item there was a fiscal standing analysis on osprey poles, variance line approvals, and every ten years the CRC has to comb through their procedures. All of these will go to a public hearing. Coming up in April the CRC board has asked that the insurance rate mappers come to the April meeting to do some explaining. The CRC has asked for input from other local boards.

The commission came to a consensus to meet on March 13th at 9am, location to be determined. This workshop will be to hear any responses each member has concerning CRC regulation. This information will be forwarded to CRC once it is compiled.

6. Old Business

- a. Public Communication – Web Page
 - Mr. Benson presented the newly designed web page.
 - Mr. Ward discussed concerns about the blog section.
 - The commission came to the consensus to not have a blog component.
 - Tabled to the next meeting per the Chairman to allow members a chance to review web site

7. Town's Local Projects

- a. North Topsail Beach - Mr. Turille discussed they are under a dune push that concluded yesterday. FEMA category B came in for about \$20,000 for debris removal. They are still waiting to hear from Section 5. They are looking at the overall cost to fund the beach in their alderman retreats. Trying to get a hands-on approach to beach ordinances with dunes and unattended beach equipment. They received a permit to move forward with the ocean bar dredging project for event 3.
- b. Surf City – Mrs. Hobbs stated that the Town went out to bid on a dune push. CM Mitchell construction was awarded the bid. We met with CAMA Monday morning. The contractor started pushing Monday afternoon in the 2700 block of S. Shore, and are heading north to the town line.
- c. Topsail Beach- Mr. Rose discussed they are working with FEMA, their category A & B will be funded. They are also feel they have everything in-order for some other funding. The board has started their annual retreats. We are already seeing a pickup in the beach season. The mayor, town manager and a commissioner will go to Washington, DC next week to receive an award for one of the best small beaches.

8. New Business

- a. Lobbyist

Mr. Bone stated the commission needs to decide what exactly we want each lobbyist to do. Mr. Smith indicated that he would work with town managers and requested others to provide input and a list of goals would be established for lobbyists.
- b. Mr. Macartney made a motion to approve the contracts for both Connie Wilson Consulting, Inc. and Poyner Spruill. Any billable hours beyond the contracts should go through the chairman for approval and as needed the specific town will be billed, if hours are not related to TISPC Charter. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and carried.

- c. BIMP Funding Options were reviewed with members asked to review document. Also discussed was need to be general in any discussion about how to fund activities as some legislators are looking to require specific regulations to obtain funding.
- d. March 9, 2017 – NCBIWA Legislative Breakfast - Ms. Kathleen Riely related that the NCBIWA Legislative Committee has compiled an agenda for this NC legislative session. One item is a legislative breakfast with key state legislators to be held March 9th at 7:30 a.m., in the NC General Assemble Legislative Building Cafeteria.

9. Open Forum

- a. Mr. Gibson provided information on the new trawling legislation that has been submitted that will directly affect the beaches and the oceans. It will bring unforeseen consequences in these areas as it impacts how nursery areas are identified and how they then impact CAMA permitting.

10. Next Meeting – N. Topsail Beach Town Hall, 2pm, March 23, 2017

11. Adjournment

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

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2017.