



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, August 24, 2017, 2:00 PM
Surf City Town Hall

Commission Members:

Steve Smith
Dick Peters
Teresa Batts
Mike Benson
Hiram Williams
Jerry Patton
Ed Broadhurst
David Ward
Mark Price

Public Present:

Stuart Turille – North Topsail Beach
Fred Burns – North Topsail Beach
Larry Combs- Topsail Beach
Mike Rose- Topsail Beach
Linda Stipe – Topsail Beach
Howard Braxton – Topsail Beach
Jade Litcher – Topsail Beach
Larry Bergman – Surf City

1. Call to Order & Greetings -
Chairman Smith spoke about the passing of Topsail Beach Commissioner Julian Bone and asked for a moment of silence in his honor.
2. Public Comments -
Morton Blanchard spoke about the drastic difference in the dunes at the Surf City/Topsail Beach Town line. He suggested Surf City not bulldoze the beach, as they have done in years past because it is doing more harm than good. Mr. Blanchard recommended the Town of Surf City plant dune vegetation and install sand fence to strengthen their dunes.
3. Approval of Agenda -
Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was carried.
4. Approval of the June 22, 2017 Minutes -
Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Peters seconded the motion and it was carried.
5. Consultant/Lobbyist/Partners– Information & Contact Review/Update
 - a. Poyner Spruill Attorneys – Chairman Smith stated that Mr. McIntyre could not make the meeting but he sent his report out to the Commission Members. Chairman Smith said one thing that needed to be decided was if the Commission was going to send in comments regarding the repeal or amendments to the NC Clean Water Act. If so they needed to be sent in by August 28. After much discussion, it was decided that the comments should come from each Town and not from the Commission.
 - b. Connie Wilson Consulting – Chairman Smith stated that Ms. Wilson could not make the meeting but he sent her report out to the Commission Members.
6. United States Army Corp of Engineering (USACE) Update– Pam Castens (Discussed at the end of the meeting)
7. NC Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) Update – Mike Moore
 - a. Status of CRC Dune Regulation Review – Mr. Moore was not in attendance. Chairman Smith stated he and

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Mr. Rose attended the July CRC meeting where they proposed amendments to the sand dune regulations. Chairman Smith said the proposed amendments is currently being reviewed by several agencies and is expected to be back on the CRC agenda in November.

- b. Development Line Procedures Update - Discussion about issues with development lines took place. Mr. Gibson stated that development lines tend to be more restrictive and limit the building envelope more than using Natural Vegetation Line or a Static Line.
- c. Amendments to CRC Temporary Erosion Control Structures Rule – Commissioner Smith stated that the State recognizes the need for emergency action and they are setting up criteria for that. He said he will continue to follow it.

- 8. North Carolina Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association (NCBIWA) Review – Kathleen Riely
 - a. Update on NCBIWA’s activities – Ms. Riely spoke about the upcoming conference.
 - b. 2017 Annual Conference, Monday & Tuesday November 13-14 - Ms. Riely said the preparations for the NCBIWA fall meeting continues. She said she is planning to discuss State issues on Monday and Federal Issues on Tuesday. The conference will be at the Blockade Runner in Wrightsville Beach.

Ms. Riely said she was saddened by the loss of Julian Bone. She said he was a great help to her in educating her on Beach Nourishment and he will be missed.

- 9. Old Business
 - a. Approve for publication the Leasing & Ownership data for Topsail Island – Mike Benson Mr. Benson reported that he summarized all the information into two pages and has been posted on the website.
 - b. H900 – Safe Infrastructure and Low Property Tax Act – Steve Smith - Chairman Smith said the bill took away some Town’s right to tax and charge fees. He believes this is an item that each individual Town needs to follow and not a TISPC issue.
 - c. Poyner Spruill – Washington, DC meeting (September 12-13) – Steve Smith - Chairman Smith indicated stated that 2 Representatives of each Town will be attending the meeting in DC. Those attendees will meet briefly after the meeting to discuss coordination.

- 10. Town’s Local Projects
 - a. North Topsail Beach –Stuart Turille – Mr. Turille reported that there has been progress on the State dedicated Beach Fund and commended Ms. Riely for her efforts. Mr. Turille said that the Town recently issued permits to drive out on the beach at the North End by the inlet. He stated that the purpose was to mitigate the noise, traffic, trash, citations etc. and has helped considerably in those areas. Mr. Turille spoke about 2 million dollars placed in the state budget for a hardened structure in the inlet. He said he had hoped to be further along, but it is moving forward. He also spoke about how the USACE is planning to dredge the inlet mid-September so it can be used in an amphibious military training exercise taking place in October. He feels this could be very favorable for the Town because once the military is involved he anticipates more support from the Federal Government with the inlet maintenance and funding.



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- b. Surf City – Larry Bergman – Mr. Bergman reported that he has met with Council about alternatives for a local project. He said they are gathering information now and hope to start working on easements and updating parking and access data.
- c. Topsail Beach – Mike Rose – Mr. Rose reported that Topsail Beach continues to work on permitting for the Storm Damage Reduction (SDR) and Navigation project. He spoke about the meeting he had with Darren England about Shallow Draft Inlet funding. He added that the Town will be holding a Community Forum on September 16 at 10:00 a.m. to educate the public on the project. Mr. Rose said one issue Topsail Beach is dealing with is parking. So, the Town is looking at creating a Comprehensive Parking Plan.

11. New Business

- a. Agree on coordination meeting for DC trip - Chairman Smith stated that there will be a brief meeting with the ones going to DC to discuss coordination. He said it was an open meeting for anyone who wanted to attend.
- b. December meeting on December 7th. No meeting in November– Chairman Smith stated that because there will be no meeting he November, he requested the December meeting be scheduled for the 7th. The Commission agreed.
- c. Open Forum – Chairman Smith explained information about the USACE project that the Town of Topsail Beach just learned. He stated that the USACE project has established lines for the initial development and ongoing maintenance, that were determined 6 or 7 years ago. Which means that some of the USACE lines for the initial project could be landward of the current dune line. Mr. Gibson said in these cases, sand will not be placed in those areas. Commissioner Smith further explained that there is an established “maintenance” line that the sand will have to erode behind before USACE will bring sand in to build up the dunes. Chairman Smith said he wanted to make sure the other Town’s understood the details of what the USACE project would and would not cover.

12. Next Meeting–Topsail Beach Town Hall, 2 PM, September28, 2017

13. Adjournment – Mr. Price moved to adjourn. Mr. Patton seconded the motion and it was carried.

Sep. 27-28	Wilmington, NC (location to be determined)
Nov. 7-8	Hilton Doubletree Atlantic Beach, NC