



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, September 28, 2017, 2:00 PM

Topsail Beach Town Hall

Commission Members:

Steve Smith
Dick Peters
Mike Benson
Teresa Batts
Hiram Williams
Dick McCartney
Randall Woodruff
Jerry Patton
Larry Combs

Public Present:

Stuart Turille – North Topsail Beach
Mike Rose _ Topsail Beach
John Goller- Topsail Beach
Chris Gibson _ TI Coastal
Kathleen Riley – NC BIWAY
Fred Burns – N. Topsail Beach
Mr. Williams (NTB)
Ms. Meyers (NTB)

1. Call to Order & Greetings – Meeting opened at 2 PM.
2. Public Comments – no comments
3. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was carried.
4. Approval of the August 24, 2017 Minutes - Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment to 11C. (Change FEMA to Corps). Mr. Benson seconded the motion and it was carried.
5. Consultant/Lobbyist/Partners – Information & Contact Review/Update
 - a. Poyner Spruill Attorneys – Mike McIntyre (Notes from Washington, DC Visit)

Mr. Smith discussed the McIntyre legislative update.

Mrs. Batts stated she felt that everyone they met with was very receptive and they all understand the urgency of getting BIMP? funding for beach nourishment.

Mr. Smith discussed the meeting with Senator Burr and the need to use the sand out of the inlet in the CBRA area for sand on the beach. He stated that the Senators are very interested in how much the locals and state are willing to participate in cost sharing. The Topsail Beach issue of sand use from the inlet will be discussed in an upcoming meeting with U.S. Fish & Wildlife.

At this time, the Fish & Wildlife concern CBRA map issue for North Topsail Beach will need for Congressman Jones to put forth similar legislation that is now in the Senate. Congressman Rouzer agreed to assist Congressman Jones.

Mr. Williams asked if there are other problems in the country that have these same problems?



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Mr. Smith stated there are at least 3 others and they have more boaters etc. to assist pushing this item along. We have to keep the pressure on the federal level to help push along this legislation.

In regards to the New River Inlet dredging it was brought up and they felt there was some leeway there to move forward. Congressman McIntyre has this on his agenda for a follow up. They understand the importance of keeping it open and the use for the Marines Corp.

b. Connie Wilson Consulting – Connie Wilson

Macartney made a motion to prepare a letter to Mr. Millis for his dedication to the Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission. Mr. Combs seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Williams suggested writing a letter to Mr. Mueller as a letter of introduction from the Commission.

6. United States Army Corp of Engineering (USACE) Update– Pam Castens
 - a. USACE Partnership Agreement review by Towns – Status of reviews by towns
 - b. Financial Cost Benefit Review – Status of reviews with each town.

Mr. Smith explained that Pam had some issues that the towns really need to take a look at related to project design start stop points. Surf City and North Topsail Beach need to meet to review the cost estimate. All three towns should arrange a follow-up meeting to discuss where we are today. He discussed that at this time in the 2018 US Congress budget process the House has 3 new construction starts and the Senate has 5 and one of these projects has to be a storm mitigation project. The House & Senate will need to resolve their differences in final budget.

7. NC Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) Update – Mr. Smith explained that he CRC has been canceled because of hurricane Maria and has been rescheduled to November 7-8th in Atlantic Beach. Everything that was planned for this meeting will be discussed at the November meeting. They are looking at the building line and its effects on different communities and dune stabilization.
8. North Carolina Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association (NCBIWA) Review – Kathleen Riely
 - a. Update of NCBIWA's activities
 - b. 2017 Annual Conference, Monday & Tuesday November 13-14

Mrs. Riley stated that a hurricane supplemental bill is being reviewed and they have asked the ASBCA for input. Next month she will be at the ASBPA conference in Ft. Lauderdale. The NCBIWA has been very busy working on the conference in November. Randall Woodruff is the newest board member of the NCBIWA commission.

Mr. Gibson stated he recently met with Congressman Rouzer and he was showed a video of all the boats coming in for the mackerel tournament and the struggle to get in and out and the amount of traffic on the waterway.

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9. Old Business

- a. House Bill 56 – How do we move forward?
 - i. Mr. Smith stated it was sent to the Governor and it was vetoed, basically because he felt there was not enough money for Gen X and how it was being controlled. They need 72 votes to override the veto, the last time the met there were only 61 representatives there in attendance.
 - ii. Mr. Williams stated part of the issue is that there are so many items in one bill.
 - iii. Mr. Smith ask if there was any items or issues we need to take to our town boards as it relates to House Bill 56 – no items were discussed.

10. Town's Local Projects

a. North Topsail Beach – Stuart Turille

- i. Mr. Turille stated all FEMA funds are on hold right now. They are trying to lock in a position with FEMA to get the project started as soon as the funding become available. The hardened structure is being developed with different designs in mind. The mid-September dredge has been delayed for a marine exercise. The dredge should be out early next week. The goal is get the New River inlet open so the Marine Corps can use the New River inlet instead of going to Morehead City. We are working on collecting data to illustrate how the inlet needs to be open and could be a use for the Marine Corps. An assessment of the beach has showed 2-6" gaining of sand except for one specific area. The phase 1 project is fully concluded.

| <u>2017 CRC MEETING SCHEDULE</u> | |
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| Nov. 7-8 | Hilton Doubletree Atlantic Beach, NC |

b. Surf City – No Report given

c. Topsail Beach – Mike Rose

- i. Mr. Rose stated that the BIS committee hosted a good forum that included about 50-60 people. It was a great event to show the citizens just what we do as a town and the importance of beach nourishment. There has been a lot of positive feedback. The FEMA money from Matthew is frozen and they are still moving forward to be ready at the time funds become available. October 21-22 is Autumn of Topsail in Topsail Beach.

11. New Business

a. Public & private education (Steve)

- i. Mr. Smith stated we have many new people coming to meetings and the CRC, how do we get these people involved and educated. It is critical to the success of this commission and our communities. He suggested letting citizens know about the difference of a building line vs a static line, it changes the mentality of beach projects.



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ii. Mr. Benson indicated the webpage is up to date and performing a great function.

12. Open Forum

- A. John Goller stated that Currie Beach moved to a development line and do we know why they wanted to do that.
 - a. Mr. Macartney stated it is more advantageous from a development standard rather than a static vegetative line.
 - b. Mr. Gibson stated it might be associated with their sandbags and their federal nourishment project.

13. Next Meeting – North Topsail Beach Town Hall, 2 PM, October 26, 2017

14. Adjournment - Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Patton seconded the motion and it was carried.