



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 26, 2017, 2:00 PM

North Topsail Beach Town Hall

Commission Members:

Steve Smith
Dick Peters
Randall Woodruff
Dick Macartney
David Ward
Larry Combs
Jerry Patton
Mike Benson
Royce Bennett
Teresa Batts

Public Present:

Mike Rose – Topsail Beach
Larry Bergman – Surf City
Carin Faulkner – North Topsail Beach
John Goller – Topsail Beach
Fred Burns – North Topsail Beach
Stuart Turille – North Topsail Beach

1. Call to Order & Greetings

Mr. Smith opened the meeting and read a letter of appreciation received via US Postal Service from a Surf City citizen.

2. Public Comments

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Peters made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Benson seconded the motion and it was carried.

4. Approval of the September 28, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Macartney made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ward seconded the motion and it was carried.

5. Consultant/Lobbyist/Partners – Information & Contact Review/Update

a. Poyner Spruill Attorneys – Mike McIntyre (Report distributed)

Mr. Smith discussed that Topsail Beach received a “NO Change” in position from Fish & Wildlife as it relates to using sand out of a COBRA zone located in the inlet. The report also had details about removing the grandfather clause from flood insurance and the that Congressman Jones has not filed the companion bill to support changes for North Topsail Beach COBRA mapping issues.

b. Connie Wilson Consulting – Connie Wilson (Report distributed)

There was discussion on a state own dredge and the cost benefit.

Mr. Smith stated that House Bill 56 was overturned and that the bill is a benefit for beach management, now we will have to wait to see how and if funding will be granted in the next session.

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.



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Mr. Smith discussed that the Surf City North Topsail Beach rate went from 2.8 to 3.1 ratio. They have a meeting on November 7th. The report also mentioned that the ratios in regards to the first start of the project would be 65 federal and 35 state then onto 50 /50. Parking spaces were also an issue that needed to be looked at.

Mr. Bergman stated he had a discussion with Pam in regards to the PPA's, that the local district will take a review of the PPA before sending it up the chain of command.

7. NC Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) Update – Mike Moore
 - a. Review of next meeting on Nov. 7 & 8, 2017

Mr. Moore stated the packet and information is posted online. They are set to meet November 7th & 8th. It will also be Mayor Medlin's first meeting with the CRC.

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

Mr. Smith stated that the seats are filling up fast for the conference. The agenda is posted online and it should be a greatly informational session.

9. Old Business
 - a. House Bill 56
 - b. 2018 Consultant Work List

Mr. Combs stated that the flood insurance regulations are most certainly an item the commission needs to pay attention to, it could have a great impact on our area.

Mayor Burns mentioned having Mr. Spencer Rogers come down and give an update on flood mapping.

- c. 2017 TISPC Accomplishments

10. Town's Local Projects
 - a. North Topsail Beach – Stuart Turille

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

Mrs. Faulkner stated they are still working a project with Onslow County in regards to the berm. They are applying for the permit for a sand push in case they decide to do one or any individual homeowner would like to do one.

Mr. Turille stated the workshop meeting on Onslow County on the hardened structure has been confirmed for November 15h. The meeting on the 15th will be to go over the purpose and needs and design options. The New River Inlet stakeholders meeting met for the second time in the past month. The critical items about these meetings are to see the river open and to align the opening. The DoD is currently out collecting data from the ocean bottom to hopefully get a line item in the federal budget to get the inlet aligned and opened. Spencer Rogers visited and described the beach as good to very good.

- b. Surf City – Larry Bergman



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Mr. Bergman stated recently the council had a work session with Chris Gibson with TI Coastal. Council agreed to begin the first stages of surveying the beach currently to see where we stand and do a review of our financials to move forward with a private beach project. We hope to have this started fairly soon. The Town is continuing to work on easements and the parking additions.

c. **Topsail Beach –**

Mr. Patton stated that Topsail Beach has done a comparison of what the local project looks like in comparison to the federal beach project. They have still not been able to reconcile the cost estimate from the Army Corps. Part of the problem was they did not quantify the amount of sand they will be placing. At this time they are still awaiting an explanation for some questions.

Mr. Smith stated it was a record crowd for the Autumn of Topsail.

11. New Business

- a. Public & private education (Steve)
- b. Web Site (Mike)

Mr. Benson discussed new features on the TISPC website that should make the site more user friendly. We have also added the monthly reports for the public's viewing. There were 89 visitors last month for a total of 365 visitors to the new website since it was launched in Spring 2017. He suggested a Facebook group for this website, where the public could make comments.

12. Open Forum

There was discussion on sea level rise and the measuring availability and that there should be further discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Macartney asked if there was any way to get more formal information from the DoD on the data they are collecting currently.

Mr. Turille stated at the November 15th stakeholders meeting we can ask Mr. Curry for an update.

13. Next Meeting – Surf City Town Hall, 2 PM, December 7, 2017

14. Adjournment

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