

Town of North Topsail Beach **Beach, Inlet, and Sound Advisory Committee**

Beach Inlet Sound Advisory Committee Minutes

for

October 25, 2022

2008 Loggerhead Court, North Topsail Beach. NC 28460

Members Present: Rick Grant, Mike Benson, Deborah Coltrane, John Gardner, Larry Strother, and Manager Alice Derian,

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mike Benson, chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone including those in the audience.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Chair Benson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Grant noted that item 12 should be struck as Chris Gibson was not present.

John Gardner made a motion to approve the agenda with item 12 removed with a second by Alderman Grant. The motion was approved unanimously (4-0)

3. **Public Comments.** No one offered comments.
4. **Current Status of Shoreline Protection Projects.** Manager Derian reported that CM Mitchell, Inc. will be the contractor for the second tranche of the Phase 5 truck haul project that will start in November once turtle season has ended. The recipients of 2022-2023 grants from the state CSDM fund has been announced with our grant for \$10.5 million dollars approved to extend the beach nourishment work through Phase 4 with about 2.5 miles of shoreline. Details with the State contract need to be put in place so the project can commence. The Living Shoreline in Richard Peters Park was construction along 195 ft of marsh shoreline that used the 'Oyster Catcher System.' Manager Derian plans addition living shorelines that use other systems in the future. A meeting is planned with USACE officials and the Corps contractor for the ICW crossing and Channel to Jacksonville dredging work to determine the preferred placement of disposal materials on the Phase 1 beach.

Manager Derian answered several questions about her report to the satisfaction of the committee.

5. **Committee membership update.** Mike Benson reported that we had a Phase 3 resignation several months ago, so at the last BISAC meeting we decided to go with an 'at-large' member. Members had two applications to review. Chair Benson then announced that Thomas Garrison submitted his resignation earlier this week. Chair Benson suggested that the 'at-large vacancy' be discussed and a recommendation made to the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Grant suggested nominating for both seats today. Chair Benson then announced that three new applications had come in just before the start of the meeting. Thus, he proposed nominating just the at-large seat today and call for new applications for the Phase 2 seat through November 30th.

Deborah Coltrane noted that the charter does not cover resignations and new appointments. After discussion, Ms. Coltrane agreed to review and suggest revisions to the charter to cover resignations and appointments.

The committee then discussed applications for the at-large representation. Dr. Steve Scheibner was recommended by consensus for the Board to appoint to BISAC.

6. **TISPC membership nominations.** Chair Benson suggests that the BISAC committee should be aligned with the Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission wherein two BISAC members and one alderman would become the Town's representatives to TISPC. Concern was expressed that the board may want continued alderman representation. The matter was referred to the Board.
7. **NCBIWA Fall Conference, November 3-4, Wilmington.** Manager Derian said that several members will be attending. Hotel and meeting reservations are in place. The Town will be a sponsor of the conference.
8. **WATERS Summit Conference.** Mike Benson reported on the recent conference in Wilmington that was organized by Rep. Rouzer and Rep. Murphy. It was a high-level meeting on a wholistic perspective for river basins in the state. Speakers represented different state agencies and NGO groups related to 'flooding' and stormwater management.
9. **DCM Inlet Hazard Area update.** Mike Benson announced that the CRC adopted the 2019 Inlet Hazard Area at their September meeting. However, the CRC overlooked smaller structures and setback requirements. Thus, DCM paused the adoption to review the issue. Amendments are expected for CRC adoption in February.
- ~~10. Shoreline Protection—Chris Gibson~~
11. **Public Comments.** No one offered comments.
12. **Future Meeting Schedule.** Chair Benson suggested meeting the third Tuesday rather than the fourth to give an interval between BISAC and Board meetings so committee reports could be written. The suggestion was tabled until a full committee is in place. Further discussion considered developing 'Goals' for the committee for the upcoming year.
13. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 10:30 am
14. **Adjournment**

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