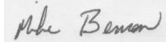


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**To:** NTB Board of Aldermen

**Subject:** BISAC Monthly Report for December 6, 2022, Meeting

**From:** Mike Benson, Chair



**Date:** December 6, 2022

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**Manager's Update.** Manager Derian, *ex officio*, updated the committee on status of the FEMA projects, the US Army Corps Dredge Project at the New River Inlet, and the state CSDM fund grant that the Town was awarded. She also briefed the Committee on the conference call with Mickey Sugg, Corps Regulatory Director for the Wilmington District and the hope that the Notice of Intent for the NRI EIS would be published between January 13-17, 2023.

**Committee membership.** Five applications were received for the open seat on the committee resulting from the resignation of Tom Garrison in Phase 2. A discussion followed wherein the Committee was concerned about the lack of an applicant from Phase 2 or for that matter Phase 3, previously. A consensus was that future appointments should be based on qualifications with geography a secondary concern, i.e. we want committee members who support shoreline protection along all 11 miles of N. Topsail Beach regardless of the Phase where they live. In the ensuing applicant discussion both previous and recent applications were considered. The Committee unanimously recommends that Mrs. Teri Ward be appointed as an at-large member by the Board of Alderman for appointment to the BISAC.

**Action Item.** BOA appointment of Teri Ward as an at-large member to BISAC

**Charter update.** The committee discussion around the BISAC charter continued with Alderman Grant working on a set of guidelines to ultimately replace the charter. The Committee will have the guidelines to consider at its January meeting.

**DCM Inlet Hazard Area update.** The CRC adopted 2019 Inlet Hazard Areas were put on hold by the Division of Coastal Management in September until structure size concerns were addressed in the new rules. This pause offers an opportunity for communities with inlets to comment to the CRC about the 2019 designated Inlet Hazard Area for their inlets. The Committee was made aware of the Town's 2020 comments to DCM. For the Town to make an additional comment it was thought that a scientific basis should be given to refute the enlargement of the New River Inlet Hazard Area as proposed by the CRC. Thus, Chris Gibson, coastal engineer advisor to BISAC then took the Committee through the science of how the inlet hazard area was determined. He explained through use of the proposed IHA map and the statistical graph of linear regression for erosion rates that the Science Panel had indeed defined the area under the influence of the New River Inlet. Therefore, the committee does not recommend making a new comment to the CRC regarding proposed changes in size of the New River Inlet Hazard Area.

**Goals for 2023.** The Committee encourages the Board of Alderman to give them any specific goals that the BISAC should give focus to in 2023. In addition, the Committee will be setting self-goals at its January meeting.