

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

To: NTB Board of Aldermen

Subject: BISAC Monthly Report for October 25, 2022, Meeting

From: Mike Benson, Chair

Date: October 26, 2022

Manager's Update. Manager Derian, *ex officio*, 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.

Committee membership. Two applications were received for the at-large seat on the committee, since no applicants from Phase 3 came forward after several months. The consensus was to recommend Mr. Steve Scheibner to the Board of Alderman for appointment to the BISAC.

Action Item. BOA appointment of Steve Scheibner to BISAC

The committee accepted the resignation of Mr. Tom Garrison who had been representing Phase 2. By happenstance, three additional applications had been received on the morning of the BISAC meeting. Although none of the three resided in Phase 2, they will remain in the pool of applicants.

Action Item. BISAC asked Manager Derian to post a notification for volunteers in Phase 2 or Phase 3 to fill the open seat.

The committee discussed the need to review our charter in regard to replacing a member who resigns before their term ends. Deborah Coltrane volunteered to review the charter and bring any suggested changes for discussion at our December meeting.

Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Membership (TISPC). Now that the BISAC has been in place for almost a year, it is time for members of BISAC to become integrated into TISPC as the Town's representatives. As background, the other two towns have two citizen members from their respective beach committees along with one elected official as their representatives to TISPC.

Action Item. The Board of Alderman should direct BISAC to make recommendations on membership for TISPC.



NCBIWA Fall Conference, November 3-4, Wilmington. Several members of BISAC will attend this conference.

WATERS Summit update. Chairman Benson attended this meeting co-sponsored by US House Rep David Rouzer and Rep Greg Murphy in Wilmington on October 12. The summit focused on watershed management in regard to flooding across entire watersheds from headwaters to ocean terminus in NC. Keynote speakers and two panels composed of high-level state officials from different state agencies that have authority for water management and emergency response along with leaders of non-government organizations with a direct concern about water management discussed questions posed by the co-hosts.

DCM Inlet Hazard Area update. As reported in September, the CRC adopted the proposed 2019 inlet hazard areas developed by their appointed science panel. For the New River Inlet there was a significant enlargement of the IHA. Following CRC adoption, DCM received a query about small structure size and proposed setbacks requirements in inlet hazard areas that was not covered by the CRC rulemaking. Therefore, DCM has paused adoption of the new CRC rules until this issue is resolved.