

# *Town of North Topsail Beach*

Joann M. McDermon, Mayor  
Mike Benson, Mayor Pro Tem

Aldermen:  
Richard Grant  
Tom Leonard  
Susan Meyer  
Richard Peters



David J. Gilbride  
Town Manager

Sherrie L. Hancock  
Town Clerk

## *Nature's Tranquil Beauty*

Board of Aldermen  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday February 4, 2021  
6:30 PM

Attendees: Mayor McDermon; Mayor Pro Tem Benson; Alderman Grant, Aldermen Leonard, Aldermen Meyer, Town Manager Gilbride, Town Clerk Hancock, Chief Younginer, Scott Anders, Chad Soward, Deb Hill, & Caitlin Elliott

Attending via telecom: Mr. Wade Green, Financial Advisor Doug Carter, Coastal Engineer Fran Way and Town Attorney Brian Edes.

**I. Call to Order-**

Mayor McDermon called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**II. Town Manager Report-**

**III. Public Comment-** No Comments or Letters were read.

**IV. Approval of Agenda** – Motion was made by Alderman Grant to remove the Hearing Case SD 20 02 from the agenda. Seconded by Alderman Meyer vote passed 5-0. Motion was made to add a closed session to the agenda by Alderman Benson seconded by Alderman Leonard vote passed 5-0

**V. Manager's Report-****REVELMENT**

Attorney – any progress

**TOWN HALL**

A preconstruction meeting was held Wednesday, 2/3, with representatives from the architect and the General Contractor, DPW Superintendent, Building Inspection, and me. Work will begin with the roof replacement on or about February 15<sup>th</sup> with a Substantial Completion Date of August 15.

**FLORENCE PROJECT**

The truck haul has been underway all week for the dune restoration project. Work started at approximately 4400 Island Drive and is proceeding rapidly north. A scoping meeting was held on Monday, 2/1, regarding the Phase G project to restore the Phase 5 beach; apparently the Biological Opinion which delayed our current truck haul is valid for the Cat G, and we expect to begin this project in November.

**ONSLow COUNTY BEACH ACCESS**

The dune restoration situation was reviewed by Fran Way, the contractor, and Scott Anders. They propose to build the dune across the lot, leaving the area under the building alone. They propose leaving a pile of sand there for placement under the building with less cumbersome equipment. We will communicate with county management.

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS/TERMINAL GROIN**

I spoke to Mickey Suggs of USACOE today. His public affairs group has recommended they not to the pre-recorded video we discussed a short time back, but would prefer a "Facebook Live" scoping meeting. He requested that we hold the session at the Library, and for the entire scoping meeting to take 20 minutes. The Colonel would open the meeting, followed by Mickey presenting permit and EIS issues, much as he did at our board meeting. The final presenter would be Fran with a description of what we propose. The Mayor would have the option of making any comments should she desire. The meeting would be posted on F/B, Town pages, etc ... and the public would have the opportunity to comment on what they might like to see in the EIS ... they would have 30 days.

Mickey believes this meeting would be held possibly at the end of February, but no later than mid-March.

**PAID PARKING**

We are prepared to move forward with March 1<sup>st</sup> implementation. The committee met on Wednesday, 2/3 and set rates for the parking areas. They will be:

1. There will be no "Warning" period. All violations from day 1 will be issued a citation/ticket
2. A "Special Permit" process is required – to be entered manually by Otto personnel based on documented requirements by the Town:
  - a. Prepaid Annual passes (already purchased and grandfathered in)
  - b. Turtle Patrol (limited hours)
  - c. Town Employees (as a perk)
3. "Same Day Ticket Forgiveness" will be supported
4. Parking Fees will change to the following:
  - a. Standard Lots:

- i. \$5/hour for up to 4 hours
    - ii. \$25 per day
    - iii. \$100 per week
    - iv. \$250 per year/season
  - b. Park by Mail Lot:
    - i. \$30 per day
  - c. Violations:
    - i. \$50
  - d. NTB44 Lot (on beach parking)
    - i. \$25 per day
    - ii. \$100 per week
    - iii. \$250 per year/season
- 5. Parking permits for Standard and NTB44 will be reciprocal (i.e. accepted in all lots/zones) Registration on the "app" for NTB residents will begin when the app has been accepted on Google and Apple, anticipated around mid-month.

**BUDGET**

Meetings with Department Heads to review their proposed budgets were held this week; Caitlin and I will be reviewing the submissions and recommendations of the managers and will help with presentations for the board at the annual retreat.

**CAPITAL GRANT**

I've submitted a Capital Grant request to Onslow County for assistance with the upgrade of the Town Hall ID sign to an electronic message board to assist in communicating hazards with the many visitors we receive each year, and our residents as well. \$28,488.75

**SEDIMENT GRANT**

Fran Way was kind enough to complete our application for a grant to perform sediment analysis to support our Florence Projects. The application was confirmed received prior to the deadline, and we will await notice of an award. \$14,400

**SLEDGEHAMMER BEACH RUN - Sat.**

This Saturday the Jacksonville-Onslow Sports Commission will be holding their annual beach run, a 5k, 10k, half marathon event which will begin at the Onslow County lots to the south, with the bulk of runners turning around before entering the dune restoration area, and only the half marathoners continuing north.

**160D – UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

Revisions to the Unified Development Ordinance are required by June 30, 2021. This massive project is underway, and I want to recognize Deb Hill's efforts to rewrite this ordinance.

Board Retreat – February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:00AM – 4:00PM @ Library

- VI. Open Forum – None
- VII. Public Presentations and Hearings-
  - A. Coastal Engineer Update-  
Beach Projects Updates

(Mr. Fran Way of ATM Consulting)