

**TOPSAIL ISLAND
SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMISSION**

June 25, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.
Topsail Beach – Town Hall

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mike Curley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Chairman Michael Curley - Surf City
Ed Broadhurst - Topsail Beach
David Ward – Surf City
Larry Combs - Topsail Beach
Richard Peters – North Topsail Beach
Hiram Williams- Surf City
Julian Bone- Topsail Beach

Liaisons:

Michael Moore- Topsail Beach
Larry Bergman- Surf City
Stuart Turille- N. Topsail Beach

Others Attending:

Steve Smith – Topsail Beach
Morton Blanchard- Topsail Beach
Jay Goller- Topsail Beach

II. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Broadhurst noted the following corrections, to add Mr. Hiram Williams, and the spelling of “interpretation” on page two.

Mr. Combs made the motion to approve the June 25, 2015 minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was carried.

A. Warwick Group

Mr. Curley stated there were no updates at this time.

B. Connie Wilson

Chairman Curley requested that Mr Peter bring the Commission up to date on his committee's attempt to establish a 2% Occupancy Tax increase, for the Topsail Islands Towns, to support hurricane mitigation efforts.

Mr. Peters stated that avenues have been discussed in regards to funding for shoreline. The idea of a proposed two percent occupancy tax increase was brought forth to Connie. Connie has come back to us and sees the idea as near impossible. Jim Hobbs with NC travel and tourism, has been mentioned as someone who could assist with this proposal.

Mr. Bone stated another proposal would be to change the distribution of the shallow inlet fund, allow for one percent change in the distribution. Since the shallow draft is already being worked on go ahead and get enough funding for both dredging and shoreline.

Mr. Peters stated that an outlined strategy of local needs, product cost, funding needs was requested by Connie. She also said she would continue to lobby others for support on our behalf.

Mr. Turille stated that we need to lobby for a local bill specific to Topsail Island. Geographically the island is different than any other. These needs are unique to this island.

Mr. Broadhurst stated he was in agreement, and there needs to be a bill specific to Topsail Island.

C. Town's Local Projects

1. North Topsail Beach:

Mr. Turille stated that the phase five project is done. It totals 3.5 miles from Myrtle Drive to the Scotch Bonnet. The total cost is about 16.8 million, three cubic yards of rock came off the beach. There has been an additional 314 new parking spaces added, and the sandbags on the north end are still holding up well.

2. Topsail Beach:

Mr. Bone stated their project was also finished and under budget. The signs have been put back up. The buoys have been up for about two weeks.

3. Surf City

Mr. Bergman stated that they have been looking at parking estimates, ensuring they are staying ahead. Currently there are plenty of accesses, but still in need of parking on the south side of town.

D. Status of Existing Corps Projects:

Working on finalizing plans and financial updates.

E. Habitat Conservation Plan:

Mr. Turille stated he had contacted Dawn York, about what is needed to go ahead to the next step. Pete Benjamin recommends a biological assessment. One island wide habitat plan is not recommended by Ben Suggs with Wildlife. It is recommended that each town go ahead on their own. The N. Topsail Beach Engineer is said the assessment requirements can be met with a CAMA assessment and a engineer statement for project specific basis.

IV. CRC:

They will meet July 15 &16 in Beaufort.

V. New Business

Mr. Williams stated that through all of his conversations he has come to the consensus that the term hurricane mitigation goes over smoother than beach nourishment. The term hurricane mitigation needs to used instead of beach nourishment.

VI. Next Meeting

North Topsail Beach July 23, 2015 at 2:00p.m.

VI. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Bone made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 pm. It was seconded by Mr. Peters and the motion carried.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2015.

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Michael Curley, TISPC Chairman

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, TISPC Recorder