

VILLAGE SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Minutes from July 7, 2010 Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance: Bob Blau, Joe Brawner, Tom Hayden, Anne Kane, Dan McConnell, Ray Webb, Brooke Williams

Village Council Liaisons in Attendance: Andy Sayre

Village Staff in Attendance: Chris McCall

Guest: Joyce Fulton, Tom Hancock

1. Call to Order/ Review of Agenda / Approval of Minutes

- Chair Williams opened the meeting, welcomed the guest, and presented the agenda which was unanimously approved as written.
- The minutes for the VSPC meetings of June 16 were approved on a motion from Hayden and seconded by Webb.

2. Shoreline Protection Manager Report: Chris McCall

- **Corps Funding 10/11 O & M Budget:** Akerman & Senterfitt is preparing briefing points for the Mayor's conversation with Senator Hagan to mirror request from Senator Burr and Congressman McIntyre.

- **Post –Dredge Project Report:** Olsen Associates is finalizing report to be made available next week.

- **SMP Monitoring Report #7:** Erik Olsen and Charles Baldwin working on draft comments of reply to be submitted by 7/12 to the Corps.

- **Bald Head Creek Dredge Permit:** DENR concurred w/ findings in Environmental Assessment. DCM has requested more data on sediment compatibility which has been submitted. EA to be submitted to State Clearinghouse and permit application to DCM by 7/12. Working toward a permit issuance on 11/10/10.

3. Funding of Operations and Maintenance Budget for SMP

- The Committee discussed the importance of securing funding for the planned dredging of the channel late this year/ early next year under the SMP. Our elected

Senators and Congressman have pressed for budgeted funding of this contractual obligation and ways of energizing that effort were considered. It was agreed Congressman McIntyre's visit to the island this weekend will afford the opportunity to consider what can be done to assure this funding.

4. Congressman McIntyre Visit/Others:

- The details of the visit this Saturday by Congressman Mike McIntyre were discussed;
 - Congressman McIntyre is expected to be on 4:00 ferry accompanied by Charles Baldwin and Mayor Sayre.
 - He will be escorted to Watt Carr's home to view the beach and hear details of our most recent erosion.
 - He will arrive at Addie Coy's home by 5:00 and is expected to leave in time to make the 7:30 return ferry.
 - Tom Hayden will prepare a DVD to further inform the Congressman on our issues. Chris McCall will attempt to have some pictures "blown up".
 - We hope there might be some evident "thanks" indicated to the Congressman for his effective opposition to the NCIT.
- The plans are not yet in place for similar visits from Senator Burr or Congressional Candidate Pantano.

5. Emergency Sand Sources:

- As reported by Chris McCall, we appear to be on schedule to permit the dredging of Bald Head Creek, if necessary. As respects acquiring sand by means of a hopper-dredge, no steps are called for at this point.

6. NCIT Opposition:

- Although satisfied the efforts in opposition to the NCIT were effective, the committee recognizes this project might still pose a threat to our interests.

It might still find funding that leads to the realization of the original concept or that concept might evolve into one that calls for a deeper channel in support of an expanded Wilmington terminal. It was agreed the committee would continue to monitor activity in support and in opposition to the NCIT and respond accordingly. Additionally, it was recommended that the Ad Hoc NCIT committee be dissolved and thanked for their effective service.

7. Timber Groin Repair:

- Ray Webb reported “an agreement is at hand”. Progress is being made in aligning all of the “small pieces”. It is hoped the agreement will be completed by 9/1/10.

8. Communication Piece:

- Brooke Williams agreed to produce a first draft of a “Six Month” Report detailing the activities of the VSPC and the status of our efforts to protect our shoreline. He will look initially to Joe Brawner for editing and enhancement, then to the full committee for input. This document would be submitted to the Village Council. Also, it was thought that an interview with Rachel Lewis of the BHA with an eye toward a Q & A article appearing in the Island Report would be a good way to communicate and hold ourselves accountable.

9. Public Comment:

- Joyce Fulton complimented the Committee for what she thought was an informative and productive meeting.

10. At 10:55 on a motion by Sayre, unanimously approved, the Committee went into closed session pursuant to NC General Statutes 143-318, 11 (a) (1) (3), and (5), Village of BHI v. USACOE.

11. At 12:15, the Committee went came out of closed session into open session and then adjourned on a motion by Anne Kane, unanimously approved.