

VILLAGE SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Minutes from December 15, 2010 Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance: Joe Brawner, Tom Hayden, Anne Kane, Ray Webb, Brook Williams

Village Council Liaisons in Attendance: Mayor Andy Sayre, Gene Douglas

Village Staff in Attendance: Chris McCall

Public in Attendance: Joyce Fulton, Suzanne Dorsey, Patrick Amico

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

- Chair Williams opened the meeting at 9:05 and presented the agenda which was unanimously approved as written.
- The minutes for the VSPC meeting of December 1, 2010 were unanimously approved on a motion from Hayden, seconded by Kane.

2. Shoreline Protection Manager Report: Chris McCall

- **DELFT3D Study Update** – Village Council approved to move forward with Phase II of the DELFT3D study.
- **Corps Update** – Communicated with Project Manager Keistler regarding emergency dredging. At this point they do not anticipate but continue to monitor the situation. We discussed holding a meeting with the Corps, Port, Coast Guard, and River Pilots to talk about channel issues. Bob felt it will eventually come down to either emergency dredging at some point, or the Coast Guard placing draft restrictions.

I also reminded him to let me know before any dredging occurs in the channel so that I can communicate this to Council, VSPC and the residents.

- **No Port Southport** – Contacted Rhodes Messick, No Port Southport, to let them know that we continue to support their efforts and to inform him of our efforts in working with the Corps & State on the 216 Feasibility Study. Discussions went well and he indicated that at this point in time No Port Southport will continue to monitor the Port but have no issues with the State partnering with the Corps on the Feasibility Study and if it improves BHI's situation they are in support of that.
- **Timber Groins** – We continue to wait on issuance of minor modification from DCM out of the Morehead City office.
- **Lobbying** – We received MW's Draft Strategy document (e-mailed). Brooke has talked about going up to Raleigh to meet with their team to work on a more formal game plan to meet our desired outcomes.

Mayor & Calvin went to D.C. this week and will report on outcomes of their meetings with congressional delegates and Corps HQ's staff.

3. Continuing Issues:

- **Washington D.C. Meeting (12/13-12/14) Lobbying/Delegation Update** – Mayor Sayre reported on the D.C. trip and various meetings with A&S, Corps HQ's, Senate Appropriations for Energy & Water Staff, and staff aids for Senators Burr and Hagan and Congressman McIntyre.
- **McGwire Woods Draft Lobbying Strategy** – Committee discussed the draft proposal received from MW's to include the increased monthly fee and its overall simplicity in terms of goals & objectives for expected outcomes. It was agreed that VSPC members Williams & Webb and staff McCall would set up a meeting for the first week of January to visit MW's in Raleigh to provide clearer guidance in working up a strategy that meets our desired outcomes.

4. Emerging Issues:

- **BHIC Update – Frontal Dune & Vegetation Monitoring** – Dr. Suzanne Dorsey briefed the Committee on the history of the Conservancy's efforts with monitoring erosion dating back to Dr. Paul Hearty's work capturing the massive erosion during the Corps O&M of '09. She then provided an overview of their efforts on monitoring the frontal dune and back dune vegetation habitat and explained the importance of this monitoring at it relates to the Village's on-going beach profile monitoring done by Erik Olsen. Patrick Amico explained in detail his field work and overall processes in collection of data to capture the change in vegetation and dune growth.
- **Communications** – McCall and Hayden reported that the communications piece went out by "snail mail" the previous week and that all island residents should be receiving their copy in the next day or two and this will be followed up with an e-mail blast from the Village with the same piece next week.
- **No Port Southport Response on DENR Position** – Was discussed during Manager's Report.
- **Year End – Where do we Go?** – The Committee discussed accomplishments with several members making comment on achievements over the past year. Chair Williams briefly reviewed goals contained within the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Strategy document identifying areas where the committee advanced movement and in some areas completed tasks identified. The Committee also discussed areas for improvement. Last, the Committee discussed filling of a vacancy left by McConnell's departure, whether to go to a monthly meeting starting in the new year, and attendance at the Council retreat in February to discuss these items.

5. Public Comment:

- Joyce Fulton, Director of Communications BHI Limited, praised the Committee for its high level of productivity and being successful in bringing a renewed energy to the Village's efforts in working on these complex issues.

- Patrick Amico, Interim Director of Conservancy, also praised the Committee's impressive level of research in understanding of the issues and challenges being faced with.

6. Closed Session: At 11:10, on a motion by Hayden, seconded by Kane, the Committee went into "closed session" pursuant to NC General Statutes 143-318, 11(a)(1), (3), and (5), Village of BHI vs. USACOE.

7. Open Session: At 11:40, the Committee re-convened in "open session".

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 on a motion from Hayden, seconded by Kane, unanimously approved.