

VILLAGE SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Minutes from July 21, 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, Gene Douglas

Village Staff in Attendance: Chris McCall

Guests: Joyce Fulton, Tom Hancock, Patrick Amico

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

- Chair Williams opened the meeting at 9:00, welcomed the guests, and presented the agenda which was unanimously approved as written.
- The minutes for the VSPC meetings of July 7 were approved on a motion from Hayden and seconded by McConnell.

2. Shoreline Protection Manager Report: Chris McCall

- **Post –Dredge Project Report:** Olsen Associates has provided its final report on the engineered beach project. Given the limited copies of the report and its size, a copy was given to Joe Brawner to review on behalf of the committee.
- **SMP Monitoring Report #7:** There has been no reply from the Corps to the Village response to the SMP Monitoring Report #7. Chris will follow up to set our expectations in this regard.
- **Bald Head Creek Dredge Permit:** No change from the July 7 Shoreline Protection Manager Report: “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. We still expect to have the permit in November.”

3. Funding of Operations and Maintenance Budget for SMP

- The Committee expressed its extreme disappointment at the failure to acquire Congressional funding for channel dredging. Congressman McIntyre’s efforts under difficult circumstances were ineffective, although other projects he favored appear to

be funded. This leaves only the hope the “mark up” process in the Senate sub-committee might fund the SMP dredging or that the final budget is modified “in conference” to our favor; neither remedy seems likely.

We agreed to have a post-mortem discussion with Akerman & Senterfitt.

4. NCIT Opposition:

- Calvin Peck notified us at the start of the meeting that it appeared the NC Port Authority was going to forego its active pursuit of the NCIT with an announcement anticipated for later in the day. This news was well received by the committee. Nonetheless, the abandonment of this particular project does not necessarily mean the relaxation of the Port Authority’s ambition for a deep water terminal requiring our on-going vigilance.

5. 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.

6. Communication Piece:

- No change from July 7 SPC meeting: “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.”

At the same time, Dan McConnell, with the assistance of Tom Hancock from the Bald Head Island Conservancy, will draft a “communication piece” suitable to advance our interests in the public arena. He will first provide the “concept” of what this document is and how it might best be used before undertaking the task of composing it. The Committee continues to urge the Village Council to recruit needed leadership for the Village Communication Committee.

7. “Navigational Aid”/ Terminal Groin

- We discussed the value in approaching the Division of Coastal Management and the Coastal Resource Commission with preliminary discussions to advance the possibility Bald Head being “permitted” to move forward to construct an engineered structure for navigation offering a permanent solution to erosion/dredging problems. This concept, first advanced at the recent CBIN conference held at the BHI Conservancy, lacks all of the normally required supporting data but we are moving toward that outcome. It was agreed the Mayor will put this forward, in concept, to Jim Gregson, DCM, and Bob Emory, CRC, at a meeting planned for September.

8. Public Comment:

- No public comment.

9. At 10:40 on a motion by Brawner, 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.

10. At 11:25, the Committee came out of closed session into open session and then adjourned on a motion by Ray Webb, unanimously approved.