

July 19, 2011

### **Minutes from July 6, 2011 Shoreline Protection Committee Meeting**

Those present: Joyce Fulton, Suzanne Dorsey; Carrie Moffat; Scott Gardner; Rob Taylor; Larry Leonard; Jim Manning; Paul Mugge; Ray Webb; Tom Hayden; Anne Kane; John Jelinek; Joe Brawner; Chris McCall

The minutes from the prior meeting of June 15 were unanimously approved.

#### Review of Actions: Accelerated Erosion at River Point

- Groin 16 will be extended into the dune as an approved modification of the existing groin field; the same contractor that is doing the Harbor groins will do the groin 16 extension and sand for fill will be scraped off of the existing beach
- A sandbag revetment wall that runs a total of 1300 feet to both the west and east of groin 16 has been recommended by Erik Olsen and the Village is seeking approval from DCM; it has been suggested that the Village request will likely be rejected and that decision can be appealed to the CRC in an emergency session; this larger revetment wall would still leave individual property owners free to request similar protection should waters reach within 20 feet of a structure; this larger, Village-driven revetment is targeted at protecting the remaining dune as well as the dune environment
- The relocation of Groin 15 to the west of groin 16 has been dropped on the recommendation of Erik Olsen
- Property owners including the BHI have been requested to support the Village application to the CRC and it is expected that several homeowner letters of support will be prepared
- The sandbag revetment variance hearing is a legal action and individuals are not allowed to take part

#### Visit with Bill Hue, Cape Fear River Pilot

- Chris reported on his meeting with Bill Hue
- Hue was once a BHI Transportation employee and has fond memories of BHI; while not overtly “pushing” for a new port, Bill was adamant that there was no real emergency as a result of the channel shoaling off of BHI

#### Karen Armstrong to help with Communications

- Karen Armstrong, an Island homeowner and part-time Village Contractor will be assisting the Village communications and political contact activities until mid-August
- Karen and Calvin Peck joined the meeting in progress and Calvin introduced Karen

#### Coordinated PR/Lobbying/Communications Plans

- It has been suggested that a broad based PR plan is needed to help influence State and Federal officials to appropriate funds necessary to routinely dredge the inner ocean bar every two years; the intent would be to influence the public to, in turn, attempt to convince their elected officials to support the operational and maintenance commitments made by State and Federal governments as they funded and constructed the Wilmington Harbor Project
- The working group will develop a draft "Message" to be used in this effort and eventually make a recommendation to Council

#### Delft Model Activity

- Following Erik Olsen's presentation on Delft Model progress in late June, the Committee was asked to consider next steps with the model; the slide presentation is available from Chris should anyone wish to review it
- The Delft work has application in the Legal effort as well as in and PR/Communications/Lobbying activity

#### Upcoming Meetings with Representatives:

- The Mayor will meet with Senator Hagen in mid-July and also with Governor Purdue
- Late in the month Chris and the Mayor will visit Washington to meet with the NC delegation (Hagan/Burr/McIntyre staffers)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.