

VILLAGE SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
Minutes from June 2, 2010 Meeting

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

Village Council Liaisons in Attendance: Andy Sayre, Gene Douglas

Village Staff in Attendance: Chris McCall

Guest: Joyce Fulton, BHI Ltd. Dir. Of Communications

**Call to Order/Review of Agenda/Approval of Minutes**

- Joe Brawner, Acting Chair, opened the meeting, welcomed the guest, and presented the agenda which had one amendment, to move Item#4 (Meeting of Mayor Sayre & USACOE) to Closed Session, and was unanimously approved.
- Joe informed the Committee of Brooke's absence from the meeting.
- The minutes for the VSPC meeting of May 5<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved on a motion from Bob Blau.

**Shoreline Protection Manager Report – McCall:** Chris provided an update on a number of items including Staff's request to the Corps for all historical data related to the channel. This request was submitted in writing to the Corps on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Corps counsel and George discussed the request as the Corps felt it was too much information and would take away from their ability to maintain the scheduled work on the SMP Report and Section 216 w/ limited staff. We (Erik) have since revised that request with the following:

*"it is suggested we break our request into two (2) phases – with the second part being delayed until the District staff has completed the pending Monitoring Report Summary and 216 Report. Accordingly, we would suggest limiting the Phase I request to more modern times, i.e., from about the mid-1960's which was the approximate date the channel dimensions were last modified – prior to the 2000 Harbor Deepening Project"*

Chris updated the Committee on efforts to contact the River Pilot's Association, Mayor Sayre commented that he had talked w/ the Colonel as to what the Corps was hearing from the River Pilot's. Staff would be researching the technical process & requirements of DCM on permitting of permanent structure(s) i.e. jetty for navigational purposes. Chris followed up with a report on the beach planting project to state that the Village's contractor, Simmons Agriculture, was working diligently in planting the sea oats and bitter panicum.

**NCIT AdHoc Committee Report – Hayden:** Tom provided a brief update on the status of the survey, that the survey was going out via e-mail blast today. He mentioned there was some question as to why the survey didn't go out earlier to which he commented that the AdHoc committee didn't want the survey to interfere w/ the Memorial Day weekend,

that they felt they would get a better initial response by waiting to send it out the following week. Tom identified that the committee would have a meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> to obtain stakeholder input from the various island entities staying on schedule to provide their overall recommendation to the VSPC & Village Council. Next, Tom informed the committee on the pending state budget funding authorization for its match on the NCIT feasibility study, that it was not a line-item in the current proposed budget. After some discussion the committee identified this positively, even if DENR still has an opportunity to include the funding at a later date, which also may be highly unlikely given the economic climate we are in.

**Status of Timber Groin Restoration – Webb:** Ray provided a very brief update to state that the meetings previously scheduled w/ parties had to be rescheduled due to conflicts. Nothing else to report, may have more information and actual progress once the meetings are held. It was agreed that this project should be given all the attention necessary to move it quickly into the construction phase.

**Status of Communications Piece – McConnell:** Dan summarized Draft Report #1 and asked for input from the committee. There was discussion on how best to arrange the content of this report on the website w/ development of banners linking them to the Village website for more information for the viewing audience. The Committee preferred a “newspaper look” to the e-mail output and the use of Microsoft Publisher was suggested. The committee discussed the need for a “close-out” report on the private sand placement project (McCall) to get out to the island property owners, a report on the May 20<sup>th</sup> Team meeting (Williams), a status of the 60-day letter of intent, and a report on the FY 10/11 Federal budget. Also discussed was the importance of communicating to the island residents on the upcoming fundraiser(s) for McIntyre and possibly Burr for maximum attendance. Last, Dan discussed his recommendation from a legal standpoint to eliminate sub-task# 2 (Develop a series of pictures over time that clearly and forcefully illustrate the beach erosion problem on BHI) of enabling objective #6 (Create and Project BHI Message) at which the committee agreed.

**Status of Fundraisers for McIntyre & Burr – All:** Next the committee discussed the tentative date(s) for McIntyre & Burr visiting the island to host their fundraisers. McIntyre’s has been scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> and Burr’s is still yet to be determined. McIntyre’s staff has stated the following sponsorship donations of \$150 per person, \$500 – bronze, \$1,000 – silver, and \$2,000 – gold. The committee felt that these amounts were too high, especially with the economic situation we are in and requested the Mayor to discuss lowering the fees. The committee also discussed the need for an aggressive publicity campaign to communicate the upcoming event to the island residents to maximize the attendance in voicing our island concerns to McIntyre. A thought of preparing a briefing paper on discussion items w/ McIntyre that could be distributed to residents that may attend the event highlighting our issues, concerns, and the fact that he represents us. Last, the committee discussed the possibility of requesting McIntyre hold a meeting similar to a “town hall meeting” where residents who may not be attending the fundraiser event could ask questions. Such a meeting might be held at the “Tent Site” if worked out w/ Limited.

Mayor's Meeting with USACOE – It was thought that the SPC might develop a draft list of topics for the Mayor to consider for his planned meeting with the Colonel.

**Going Forward Meeting Schedule – All:** The committee after brief discussion decided it to be appropriate to continue with two meetings a month for the next two months at minimum and to reassess after for future meetings.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

**Closed Session** – The committee went into closed session pursuant to NC General Statutes 143-318, 11(a)(1), (3) and (5) approximately 9:10 a.m. Village of BHI v. USACOE. The committee came out of closed session approximately 11:00 a.m. and immediately adjourned.