

VILLAGE SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
Minutes from Feb. 15, 2010 Meeting

Attendees: Sayre, Douglas, Williams, Kane, Blau, McCall, Brawner  
Guests: Ray Webb, Joyce Fulton, Bob Liesegang, Nonie Williams, Patti Rollins

Acting Chairman Williams opened this, the initial meeting, of the VSPC and the agenda (copy attached) approved as written.

A number of “housekeeping” matters were discussed including:

- The requirement for protection of confidential information pertaining to potential litigation
- Committee name is Village Shoreline Protection Committee
- Membership needs to be expanded
- Council to appoint committee Chair
- Brawner to act as secretary in short term
- Forward meeting schedule is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Public Safety Building
- Mission was seen as development of sound strategy successfully executed

Confirmation of the proposed Shoreline Protection Strategy by Council was addressed. It was agreed, pending confirmation by Counsel, that much of the strategy could be openly shared with Village stakeholders but that a few sections were privileged and should not be circulated as they pertained to potential litigation. The strategy document will be edited and revised to inform the public while protecting privilege necessities. It is the Committee’s intent to recommend a final Strategy to Village Council in advance of the February meeting.

The prime and enabling objectives of the current “draft” of the strategy were affirmed by the committee as was the recommendation to engage a Shoreline Manager.

Formation of an ad hoc committee to focus on the NCIT and its potential impact on the BHI shoreline was discussed; Van Sant (BHA), J. Fulton (BHI Ltd.), and May (BHI Club) have been asked to submit summary organizational views. It was thought that this task would eventually reside within the VSPC.

It was agreed that the Committee would develop a job description for the potential position of Shoreline Manager based on the existent job description for the Carteret County, NC Shore Protection Manager position.

The proposed Delft 3D modeling of the river mouth needs to be discussed with Akerman (Rob Anderson) to insure maximum opportunity for positive discussion and reception by the USACE. Erik Olsen’s proposed Scope of Work was discussed and a few suggested additions were to be forwarded to Olsen (by McCall) for consideration. USACE navigation channel work has accelerated beach erosion and other, related problems on BHI.

It was agreed that the VSPC recommend that the four Harbor Groins be “de-coupled” from other issues such as the Marina entrance and that the Village repair these groins under the Management Company’s existing permit. There is concern that these badly deteriorated and ineffectual groins will be termed “abandoned” by regulatory authorities thus eliminating any opportunity to repair them.

The on-going State Study of terminal structures continues by the CRC with public hearings planned for Feb 17, in our area. Progress, albeit slow, is being made and advocacy needs to continue.

The USACE has a hopper dredge in position and is dredging seaward portions of the navigation channel. This activity was not known to BHI until very recently and there is concern that beach quality sand will be taken and dumped off-shore. The USACE has stated that they will take no more than 100,000 cu yds of beach quality sand but some of the area that they will dredge is closer to BHI than is the Norfolk Dredge Company dredge that is mining beach quality sand for re-nourishment of BHI beaches at this time. Chris McCall will follow up with the local USACE contact (Bob Keistler) to confirm our understanding of this contract.

The continuing need and requirement for good, timely stakeholder communication was discussed; the soon-to-be-formed Village Communications Committee is anxiously awaited.

It was thought that a BHI Shoreline Protection Political Action Committee would provide additional clout when dealing with State and Federal elected officials. Bob Blau will research implementation details.

Recommendations to be made to Village Council at February Council meeting:

1. Submit proposed Strategy to Village Council for action
2. Submit to Council “public” summary document for distribution to Village stakeholders
3. Pursue repair of four Harbor groins
4. Name and appoint Chair for VSPC

By motion of Bob Blau and unanimous vote, the Committee went into Closed Session to discuss litigation matters, consult with legal counsel and to preserve privileged information.

Motion was made and by unanimous vote the Committee entered Open Session.

There being no further business, motion was made by Anne Kane to adjourn and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

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