



# The Village of Bald Head Island

July 19, 2010

Dear Bald Head Islander,

As you have probably heard, at the June Meeting the Village Council unanimously passed a resolution in opposition to the proposed North Carolina International Terminal (NCIT) in Southport. The timing of this resolution was important in that the NC General Assembly was actively considering funding the State's portion of a Feasibility Study that would have moved the ill conceived project forward. We are pleased that such funding is not included in the State's budget for FY '10 -'11. Several other local municipalities also passed resolutions in opposition during the final weeks of June, as did the Baptist Assembly that operates the large retreat at Caswell Beach across the river.

Perhaps most importantly, Congressman McIntyre our seven term Representative in Washington joined the opposition in a strongly worded statement. This is particularly significant since Federal funding is necessary for continued consideration of the NCIT.

Earlier this year the Council set up an Ad Hoc Committee to study the proposed NCIT. That Committee was to report to the newly established Shoreline Protection Committee which would then make a recommendation to the Council. The Ad Hoc Committee was charged with analyzing the NCIT from an unbiased perspective and all feel confident that that goal was achieved. I was particularly pleased not only with the unanimous votes from all three bodies but also with the process that led to them.

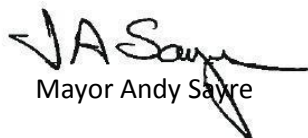
At our Work Session last Friday the Council dissolved the Ad Hoc Committee hopefully bringing it to its logical conclusion. However we will continue to closely monitor the State Ports Authority and the status of the 600 acres that they still own in Southport.

I want to thank all those involved with this Ad Hoc Committee, especially Tom Hayden and Anne Kane who co-chaired it; also Suzanne Dorsey and Tom Hancock from the Conservancy, Joyce Fulton from BHI Limited, Jerry VanSant and Rachel Lewis from the BHA and Larry Leonard, Jim Bonica and Bill Gillilan as concerned citizens.

I also want to thank the Shoreline Protection Committee for their guidance and contributions.

Once again, from all of Bald Head, thanks and well done.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Andy Sayre

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