

## Edisto Beach Town Council Goal Setting 2022

Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 10:00 AM

Town Hall

Attendees: Mayor Crawford Moore, Councilmember Jerome Kizer, Councilmember Bob Renner, Councilmember James R. Watts II, Town Administrator Iris Hill, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Town Attorney Bert Duffie, Fire Chief Denney Conley, Police Chief Steve Miano, Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown, Municipal Association of South Carolina Field Services Manager, Charlie Barrineau (facilitator)

### Goals

#### Must Do:

1. Beach renourishment planning
  - A. Include next steps for the US Army Corps of Engineers storm reduction project
    - Develop a Plan B if town losses funding from the USACE plan.
    - Expand role of Town lobbyist. May need funding other than for corps plan.
    - Meet with USACE Brig. General Jason Kelly at the South Carolina Beach Advocates 2022 Annual Meeting January 31 – February 2, 2022.
    - Meet with Director Duane Parrish at the SC Beach Advocates meeting about nourishment grant funding.
  - B. Coastal Science and Engineering has indicated that a major renourishment is needed within the next 5 years.
    - How does the Town fund this nourishment? Paid parking?
    - To what extent does the Town renourish?
    - Is it limited by funding?
    - Can the Town afford to include groin adjustments and/or improvements?
    - Schedule to meet with Colleton County leadership and County Legislative Delegation to ensure they are aware of plan(s).
2. Manage future wastewater tap approval conditions once the moratorium is lifted
  - How does the Town prevent over tapping the collection system requiring additional upgrades?
  - As sea levels rise, septic systems are expected to fail. Does the Town need to develop a plan for the future?
  - Work with the Water and Sewer Committee and American Engineering to consider written policy regarding tap approval
3. Pursue funding to install automated read meters (ARM):
  - Seek software that has some form of “push” notification technology so that leaks do not go undetected.

- Obtain Pricing.
  - Seek ARPA funding through SCRIA.
3. Prioritize master recreation plan recommendations:
- Council review and prioritize top five recommendations and provide to administration.
  - Develop costs associated with top three recommendations.
  - Consider budgeting funds in 2022/23 (possibly last year's surplus)

**Should Do:**

1. Interior Lagoon study
  - Town has applied for a South Carolina Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant and a Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) Grant.
  - If awarded, develop a schedule working with Davis and Floyd.
  - Present possible recommendation to Council for future projects.
  
2. Garbage collection
  - Due to Town's isolated location, this will likely be an on-going focus area.
  - How to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost.
  - Consider adding additional service weeks (possibly considering additional weeks during spring and Christmas season). Look at 8, 12, 16 additional weeks and costs.
  - Improve public education regarding yard trash service.
  - Look at partnerships
  - Look at possibility of performing in-house rather than outsourcing.
  
3. Stabilization of unpaved roads-Sand/Rock/Paving
  - On-going focus area.
  - How best to stabilize certain focus areas such as Jungle Shores at Whaley, 700-800 block, Pompano 500-600 block, Dolphin 600 block and Dawhoo.
  - Town's portion of Jenkins Street needs to be resurfaced.

**Could Do:**

1. Town Administrator's Retirement:
  - Time frame of 1/30/23.
  - Council should make decision to provide some overlap with the next administrator possibly 4 months unless the decision is made to promote from within.
  - Council needs to review job description and determine what they are seeking in an administrator.
  - The Municipal Association of SC can assist in application and interview process.
  
2. Assess use of Town owned beach accesses:

- Open accesses 11 and 15 to golf carts.
  - Assess other under-utilized access areas for golf carts.
  - Can beach access walkover at 37 be salvaged? Cost vs benefit.
3. Public safety needs for unincorporated Colleton County (Edisto State Park, Jeremy Cay, Edisto Oaks, Neck, Hammocks, Cowpens):
- As of 2022, the State Park no longer provides Class 3 officer certification for rangers; Town police will likely be requested for more routine matters.
  - Areas outside of incorporated Edisto Beach are continuing to grow and are requiring more mutual aid from the town's public safety departments.
  - Gather data and track fiscal impacts to prepare for future communication with Colleton County. How much is growth? When is buildout of unincorporated Colleton County areas on the Island? How many calls for service are required?