

**MINUTES
TIDE COMMITTEE
August 5, 2020**

Present via Zoom: Pat Kostell, Chairperson, Peter Beck, Marie Bost, Betsy Daise, Charles Yeomans, Archie Livingston. Also present were Town Administrator Iris Hill, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus; Edisto Island Loggerhead Turtle Project Volunteer Ron Scroggy.

Absent: Cameron Andrews

Call to Order: Chairperson Kostell called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Peter Beck moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 meeting, seconded by Marie Bost and approved 6 - 0..

Chairperson Kostell welcomed new member Mr. Charles Yeomans to the TIDE Committee.

Comments from Town Administrator/Department Heads – Town Administrator Hill told the Committee she had met with Cameron Andrews and an arborist concerning the trimming of the Palmetto trees and water oaks on the causeway. The tree trimmer is due to come back on August 10th to finish the work. Administrator Hill said no further discussion took place concerning the lighting of the causeway trees.

Turtle Signage – DNR update – Ron Scroggy updated the Committee. The Turtle Patrol has been providing signage at nests that are similar to the one attached to these minutes but provides other “factoids” on Loggerhead turtles. Some Turtle Patrol members have been distributing magnets to visitors with questions. Rental agencies have been provided with information as well. Mr. Scroggy asked the TIDE Committee to consider putting information on turtles at each beach access.

Community effort to minimize light pollution–status of Wyndham Recreational Facility – Betsy Daise and Marie Bost suggested that the solution to the situation may lie in working with the homeowners’ association rather than corporate. Administrator Hill added that the Building Department has been working with Enmarket on installing turtle-friendly lighting at the gas station. Ms. Bost asked when the turtle-friendly lights would be going up. Administrator Hill said that Council had to give their approval on which light they preferred, since more than one type was installed as a prototype.

There was no new business.

Peter Beck asked Mr. Aakhus about the timeline on the Recreational Master Plan. Mr. Aakhus said there is a proposed hybrid public information meeting in the works. The state has extended the time period in which the Town must provide the grant match until the end of 2021. By the next TIDE Committee meeting, Mr. Aakhus should have a timeline for moving forward with the Recreational Master Plan.

Adjournment - Marie Bost moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Betsy Daise and approved 6 - 0.

APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE



September 30, 2020