

TIDE COMMITTEE
March 4, 2026
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present

Gary Cantrell, Chair; Edey Graves, Vice-Chair; Allen Bridwell, Ron Johnson, Camille Lemon, Lisa White, Members

Others Present

Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Municipal Clerk Donna Rizer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cantrell at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the TIDE Committee meeting minutes of February 4, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. White and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Turtle Sign

The committee revisited the idea of posting turtle-shaped signs outlining sea turtle protection rules. At its previous meeting, members considered a pilot program to potentially install five (5) or more turtle signs at strategic locations or beach access points and agreed to consult the Edisto Beach Loggerhead Turtle Project (EBLTP) for guidance. The committee returned to the topic at this meeting.

During the meeting, Ms. Lemon contacted Kristi Summers, current EBLTP permit holder, via teleconference to discuss placement of the informational signs. Ms. Summers recommended the signs be installed at Beach Access 1, Beach Access 8, Beach Access 20, and at a site between Beach Accesses 32-35. She further noted the first three sections of the beach typically have the highest turtle volume:

- Turtle Section A: Beach Accesses 1-4
- Turtle Section B: Beach Accesses 4-8
- Turtle Section C: Beach Accesses 8-16

Ms. Lemon provided Ms. Summers with a photograph of the turtle-shaped sign at Edisto Beach State Park. At its next meeting, the TIDE Committee will consider which sea turtle protection rules should be included on the sign, with guidance from Ms. Summers. Vice Chair Graves suggested creating turtle-shaped magnets, similar to the signs, to distribute to local realty companies.

Chair Cantrell shared a photograph of Beach Access 33 as an example of an abundance of signage and emphasized the need to avoid placing too many signs in one area.

Review of Tree Regulations

In response to a request from Town Council at its annual Goal-Setting Retreat, the committee reviewed the Town’s current tree ordinance. Vice Chair Graves then provided a comparison of tree protection ordinances across six South Carolina coastal communities. The committee reviewed the document and requested that the City of Beaufort and the Town of Mount Pleasant be added to the comparison. Ms. Graves indicated she will update the document and distribute it to the committee.

Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey referenced a recent tree study and noted she will share that study with the committee.

New Business/Open Discussion

Shred Day 2026

The committee was asked to provide input on whether the Town should host a community shred day again this year. The committee agreed the event was well received by residents last year, and supported the Town holding it again, possibly with a shorter duration. The Municipal Clerk will contact the shredding company to confirm availability.

Additionally, Mr. Johnson suggested the Town consider a separate shred day for electronic waste, potentially twice a year. It was noted the Town’s trash contractor may assist by utilizing a truck to load e-waste items for transport to the county recycling site. This suggestion will be shared with town administration.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Graves made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bridwell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

APPROVED BY TIDE COMMITTEE

Donna Rizer

Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk
April 9, 2026