

TIDE COMMITTEE
May 6, 2026
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present

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

Others Present

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Building Code Administrator Patrick Brown, Municipal Clerk Donna Rizer

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Graves made a motion to approve the TIDE Committee meeting minutes of April 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bridwell and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Aakhus shared the following updates with the committee:

- Work on the pollinator garden project has begun, including irrigation and initial site work.
- The SCDOT contractor has substantially completed paving work on Jungle Road and Dock Site Road. SCDOT conducted core sampling as part of its evaluation process, and coordination with the contractor is ongoing for final adjustments. Remaining work includes the application of reflective paint, installation of reflectors, and completion of lane markings.
- The matter relating to Burley L. Lyons Park remains pending before the court; the Town is awaiting the judge's order.

Review of Tree Ordinance

In response to a request from Town Council at its annual Goal-Setting Retreat, the committee is reviewing the Town's current tree ordinance. The committee was provided with the current ordinance and the proposed changes previously developed by the Planning Commission. At the TIDE Committee's meeting April 1, 2026, Mr. Cantrell asked committee members to review the documents and prepare notes for discussion.

Following the discussion, the committee reached consensus to forward the following recommendations to the Planning Commission:

1. Revise DBH threshold for graduated replacement.
2. Adopt a graduated replacement-tree scale for removed trees.
3. Increase penalties for unauthorized removal of protected trees.

Shred Day Update

The second annual Town of Edisto Beach Shred Day was held April 25, 2026. The Edisto Beach Volunteer Fire Department assisted with the day's activities, and a total of 1,175 pounds of paper was shredded and recycled.

New Business/Open Discussion

The committee received an update on the beach nourishment project. Appraisals are nearing completion, construction remains on schedule for 2027, and funding is in place.

The committee discussed e-waste recycling. The Town Administrator has been in communication with the waste service provider regarding the matter.

Discussion was also held regarding e-bikes. Council, the Mayor, and the Police Chief are continuing communication on the issue.

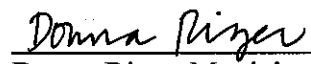
The committee further discussed golf cart safety. Recognition of Golf Cart Safety Month in June will be included on the May Town Council meeting agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lemon seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

APPROVED BY TIDE COMMITTEE



Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk
August 5, 2026