

MINUTES
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 21, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Present: David Cannon, Chairman, Bruce Shaw, David Lybrand, Patrick Sheehan, Bill Davies, Committee Members; Iris Hill, ex-officio.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Cannon. He welcomed new members David Lybrand and Bruce Shaw to the Committee and agendas were distributed.

The Committee discussed the proposed Ordinance to “possess on the sandy beach a metal or wooden shovel.” Bill Davies, Committee Member, suggested that the Beach Patrol enforce the ordinance already in place, that holes be dug no deeper than one foot deep, and that those who dig the holes be encouraged by the Beach Patrol to fill in the holes. Committee Member David Lybrand suggested posting an advisory near nests. David Cannon suggested that Beach Patrol remind beach-goers of the ordinance and the penalty. If the person who dug the hole does not comply, the Beach Patrol employee should call the authorities and a ticket should be written. Bill Davies moved to recommend to Council that the Ordinance that is currently in place (Ordinance No. 2011-13) be enforced and no further changes be made. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Beach Monitoring Report was the next item on the agenda. Administrator Hill reminded the Committee that the Beach Monitoring Report started in 2006 when the beach nourishment was done. CSE monitors the status of the beach yearly and reports to the Town. A discussion followed concerning the OCRM Base Line. Administrator Hill reminded the Committee that a discussion of the base line had already taken place with CSE.

Chairman Cannon distributed copies of the Edisto Beach Scope and Schedule from CSE. The Committee discussed the Pre-Application meeting that was held previously. The next step on the schedule is to submit the application (November/December 2014). According to Steven Traynum of CSE, the permitting application submittal is on schedule. Administrator Hill will ask Mr. Traynum to update Council at the January 8, 2015 Council meeting. David Lybrand requested the Committee preview the application before it is submitted. Administrator Hill said she would relay that request to Mr. Traynum.

The Committee discussed the cost of the project, which is ten million dollars. Administrator Hill reminded the Committee that there were grants available from DHEC last year that would hopefully be available this year. Mr. Cannon suggested that property owners on Edisto Beach start a letter writing campaign to help with the funding of the beach renourishment. Administrator Hill expressed concern that the Beachfront Management Committee’s letter writing campaign may conflict with Town Council’s newly-appointed fundraising/lobbying Committee for Beach Nourishment.

Administrator Hill reported on the newly formed South Carolina Beaches and Inlets organization. She told the Committee that the Board of Directors has been appointed, but the organization has not yet met. Administrator Hill was one of those appointed to the Board. The organization's primary goal for the Town of Edisto Beach is to help secure funding. Administrator Hill stated she would get a copy of the updated by-laws of the organization for the Committee.

Bill Davies moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Lybrand and passed unanimously.