

MINUTES
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
October 12, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Present: David Cannon, Chairman, Matthew Kizer, Bruce Shaw and Pat Sheehan, Committee Members; Iris Hill, ex-officio. Absent: Bill Davies, Committee Member.

Chairman Cannon moved to add "Setback lines" to the agenda. Bruce Shaw seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0. Matthew Kizer joined the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Chairman Cannon noted that he and Mr. Kizer went to the DHEC/OCRM office and notified them that they did not agree with the classification of the point as an "unstabilized inlet zone." Mr. Cannon and Mr. Kizer thought that the classification should be as a standard zone, since that classification is based on terminal groins and having a three-foot dune that is continuous for at least 500 feet. Mr. Cannon told the Committee that November 6 would be the close of the public comment period and citizens should submit comments via mail or website. Mr. Cannon stated he would submit a FOIA for a copy of the latest report from Coastal Science and Engineering.

A conversation followed concerning the public hearing. Chairman Cannon stated he thought that forum would be too intimidating to explain in full the complexity of the issues on Edisto and urged all property owners to submit an argument in writing. He also encouraged all to go ahead and send in an appeal, even though the cost to do so is \$250. Administrator Hill reminded Chairman Cannon that the Beachfront Management Committee represents the entire town, not just subsections where the committee members reside. Mr. Cannon said his suggestions apply to all beachfront property owners. Administrator Hill also informed the committee that the South Carolina Beach Advocates are working to delay the December 31, 2017 deadline. After the deadline, according to state statutes, the jurisdictional lines cannot be moved seaward.

Bob Sandifer, a member of the audience, asked if the survey conditions included recent beach renourishment conditions and the extension of the groins. Those two things would change the vegetation line. Typically storm events are not considered, but the consensus of the committee is that DHEC/OCRM came to Edisto to survey right after Hurricane Matthew.

If the adoption of the new jurisdictional lines is approved before the December 31, 2017 deadline, they can be moved landward, just not any further seaward. DHEC/OCRM should take the accumulation of sand due to the renourishment and groin lengthening under consideration in the setting of the lines. Another negative is that DHEC/OCRM is using more than 40 years of data. Matthew Kizer moved to recommend to Council that they hire Coastal Science and Engineering to contest the proposed jurisdictional lines on the behalf of the Town of Edisto Beach. Bruce Shaw seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Matthew Kizer moved to recommend to Council that they suggest that Colleton County Council object to the proposed jurisdictional lines on behalf of the Town of Edisto Beach. The motion was seconded by Bruce Shaw and unanimously approved.

Chairman Cannon stated the importance of the comment period and that beachfront home owners need to be made aware of the comment period. Mr. Cannon urged all property owners to submit in writing their issue with the jurisdictional change and appeal the change.

Matthew Kizer moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2017 meeting, seconded by Bruce Shaw and approved unanimously.

A conversation followed concerning dune policy, plantings and dogs on the beach. Chairman Cannon asked Administrator Hill to find out from Steven Traynum of CSE what material would be best to use in walkovers over the existing dunes. Chairman Cannon made the following motion:

1. Property owner's right to use sand found on his property as he chooses will be honored by the Town of Edisto Beach.
2. Town will not alter owner-constructed sand dunes without permission of the property owner.
3. Dune planting will be exclusively sea oats unless otherwise permitted by property owner.
4. Sea oats transplants will be offered to all beach front property owner at the Town's cost and will be from the same lot as those contracted for by the Town to be planted on the dunes.
5. A property owner shall be free to install sand fencing as he pleases on his own property above the turtle nesting elevation (three feet above the tide-wetted beach as defined by the wrack line). Below that elevation he will use the state-prescribed chevron-with-gaps configuration.

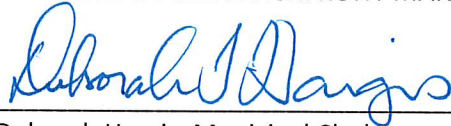
The motion died from lack of a second.

Bob Sandifer asked if there was "political clout" the Town might utilize in Columbia to have the December 31, 2017 deadline pushed back. Bruce Shaw said that he could find out who the political contacts are and let the Edisto Beach Property Owners Association know.

Bruce Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matthew Kizer and unanimously approved.

The media and public were duly notified of the date, place and time of the meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk

January 22, 2019