



Wetlands/Coastal Dune Board

Regular Meeting

Civic Center

June 1, 2016

4:00 p.m.

At approximately 4 p.m., Chairwoman Ann Hayward Walker, having established a quorum, called to order the Wetlands/Coastal Dune Board Meeting. Board members Russ Dunton, Bob Roche, Brooke Binard and Joe Fehrer were in attendance. Also present were Town Planner Larry DiRe, Assistant Town Clerk Tracy Outten, and Hank Badger of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Chairwoman Ann Hayward Walker welcomed the Board which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Russ Dunton, seconded by Joe Fehrer, to accept the agenda as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 18, 2013 Public Hearing and Meeting.

Motion made by Russ Dunton, seconded by Joe Fehrer, to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2013 Public Hearing and Meeting as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. *Review Previous Town beach sand management practices.*

Town Planner Larry DiRe gave a brief history of past steps taken to enrich and manage the sand beach. In his briefing he also discussed the upcoming phase of the US Army Corps of Engineers federal harbor dredge project. i) Russ Dunton added some history of the first breakwater being placed in 2001. He went on to give his recollection of past practices; ii) Board discussed the attached packet material; iii) Ann Hayward Walker suggested that the board invite Tom Bonadeo, the former town planner, to a future meeting to provide additional background and details, beyond what are in available reports, about his past surveys, e.g., show actual survey; iv) Board then discussed sand dune specifications for plants and fencing.

B. *Beach sand management practices part of US Army Corps of Engineers federal harbor dredge project.*

Larry DiRe explained the upcoming dredge project as follows: i) Project as awarded to us is the last phase in the federal harbor dredge project for navigational purposes not, beach nourishment; ii) 100,000 cubic yards would be placed on the beach; iii) Site "B" excluded due to the following concerns: tiger beetle, aquatic vegetation, and health of the clam beds. Russ Dunton added that the beach was private not public; iv) Larry DiRe mentioned that the Town requested additional options for starting the project from the US Army Corp due to economic development. Four options given: 1) move forward as contract defined; 2) 30,000 cubic yards of sand on the north beach and up to 125,000 cubic yards of sand in the upland site; 3) no sand on the north beach; up to 125,000 cubic yards of sand in the upland site; or 4) terminate contract - no sand. Russ Dunton expressed his concerns regarding no sand placement on beach, and mentioned the cost of sand

replacement. Ann Hayward Walker understood his concerns but, added that a lot of businesses' income relied on tourists. v) Joe Fehrer questioned the actual problem of sand leaving on north end. Russ Dutton stated it has never been filled up so, we don't know.

C. *Next steps and proposed time table.*

Ann Hayward Walker asked the board if they would like to take on this project at the request of the town to provide recommendations for managing the sand deposited by the Corps of Engineers dredging.

Motion made by Joe Fehrer, seconded by Brooke Binard, to meet on a regular basis as directed by the Planner and Chairwoman to provide the Town with recommendations as per instructed by the Town to the Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ann Hayward Walker suggested the following: i) public information meeting; ii) more frequent board meetings; iii) board members needed to do some homework to get a better understanding of the history; iv) obtain aerial photos; and v) board members needed to keep thinking about what needed to be done.

Ms. Walker requested all members receive a copy of Mr. Dutton's paperwork and photos.

D. *June 15, 2016 public input meeting.*

Bob Roche suggested the June 15th meeting title be changed from public input to public information meeting.

Larry DiRe would contact the US Army Corp to attend to give a presentation to the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There were no announcements made.

Motion made by Russ Dutton, seconded by Bob Roche, and unanimously approved to adjourn the Wetlands/Coastal Dune Board Meeting.

Chairwoman Ann Hayward Walker

Assistant Town Clerk