

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Environment & Wildlife Committee Regular Meeting

February 10, 2022

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MINUTES

Members Present: Jeri Finke, Mark Andrews, Martha Goldstein, Dean Morr, Patti Romano]

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Chairman [Jeri Finke] called the meeting to order at 1 PM. Chairman [Jeri Finke] confirmed that the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were fulfilled, and the meeting agenda was properly posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Regular Meeting: This being the first meeting of the Environmental & Wildlife Committee, there were no prior minutes to be approved.**

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

This being the first meeting of the Environmental & Wildlife Committee, there was no old business to address.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **[INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS]**: Dean Morr was elected Vice Chair. Patti Romano was elected Secretary. New members expressed interest in the following areas involving the town beach:

Mark Andrews: communication to and education of beach goers. How to enforce shorebird protection rules.

Martha Goldstein: communication to dog owners, rules, revising signs for more clear understanding of rules on the town beach.

Short Term Rental Information Packet: The amenity folder may contain incorrect details; revision/correction may be required.

2. **TOWN EXPECTATIONS FOR THIS COMMITTEE:**

This committee and its members serve as advisors of Town of Seabrook Island policy and as such make recommendations to Town Council. Its members coordinate with outside entities for presentation of new ideas and gather information to propose the best policy changes/revisions/additions.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

1. **SEABROOK ISLAND BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN**: Last revision of this document was December 17, 2019. Chairman, Jeri Finke, asked committee members, as their first project, to continue to review and advise whether to completely rewrite or propose recommendations for specific revisions. Committee members were encouraged to obtain thoughts from other Seabrook Island residents and to utilize the spreadsheet (prepared by Chairman, Jeri Finke), comparing other coastal SC communities with similar town beach issues. Specific beach management plan items the committee may want to address:

- **Ordinance says no commercial activity – questions regarding photographers, weddings**
- **Memorial services and lanterns being lit and released**
- **Signage and enforcement of dogs off/on leash areas**
- **Fishing rules/fishing poles attended and visible – emphasis on upcoming Memorial Day weekend**
- **Balloons prohibited entirely – can town enforce no balloon displays?**
- **Grounding, landing, launching vessels**
- **Jet ski operation – should he 300 feet be expanded to 500 feet off the beach to protect swimmers?**
- **Prohibiting use of Plastic #6/straws entirely on the beach**
- **Swimming in Captain Sam’s – should rules be consistent with Kiawah swimming entirely prohibited?**
- **Disorderly conduct**
- **Drones and model aircraft**
- **Pedal assist vehicles on beach – require stickers?**
- **Parasailing – distance from beach**
- **Kite flying requirement to mark strings for visual safety**

There being no further business, [Dean Morr] made a motion to adjourn the meeting. [Mark Andrews] seconded the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of [4 IN FAVOR] to [0 OPPOSED], and the meeting was adjourned at [2:30 PM].

Minutes Approved: 3/10/2022