Environment and Wildlife Committee Regular Meeting
May 9, 2024 @ 10:00 AM
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Seabrook Island Town Hall, Council Chambers
2001 Seabrook Island Road
Seabrook Island, SC 29455

Virtual Participation: Individuals who wish to participate in the meeting via Zoom may call (843) 768-9121 or email kwatkins@townofseabrookisland.org for log-in information prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & FOIA STATEMENT

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   
   A. Environment and Wildlife Committee Meeting: April 11, 2024

3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION
   
      a. Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network, requested amount: $2,500.00
      b. Seabrook Island Garden Club, requested amount: $619.00
   
   B. Discussion of proposed Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) Alligator Programs and Coyote Management Plan

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

5. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & FOIA STATEMENT

   Present:        Gordon Weis (Councilman, chair), Mark Andrews, Fred Demler, James Geiger, 
                   Dean Morr
   Absent:        None.
   Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Tyler Newman (Zoning Administrator), 
                   Katharine Watkins (Asst. Town Administrator)
   Guests Present: Dr. Nicole Elko (Elko Consulting), Susan Leggett (Seabrook Island Green Space 
                   Conservancy)

   The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   A. Environment and Wildlife Committee Meeting: February 22, 2024

      Mr. Morr moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of February 22\textsuperscript{nd}; Mr. Demler 
      seconded. All voted in favor.

      The previous meeting minutes of February 22\textsuperscript{nd} were approved.

   B. Environment and Wildlife Committee Meeting: March 14, 2024

      Mr. Morr moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of March 14\textsuperscript{th}; Mr. Demler 
      seconded. All voted in favor.

      The previous meeting minutes of March 14\textsuperscript{th} were approved.

3. PRESENTATIONS

   A. Marsh Management Plan: Dr. Nicole Elko, Elko Consulting

      Dr. Nicole Elko presented a proposed Marshfront Management Plan for Seabrook Island.

      Discussions were had with committee members.
Mr. Morr moved to recommend the town council to approve moving forward with a Marshfront Management Plan; Mr. Demler seconded. All voted in favor.

The recommendation was approved.

4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

   a. Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy, requested amount: $2,500.00

      Ms. Leggett summarized the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy Environment & Wildlife grant request.

      Discussions were had with committee members.

      Mr. Morr moved to approve the Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy grant request for $2,500.00; Mr. Demler seconded. All voted in favor.

      The grant request was recommended for approval.

5. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Discussions were had with committee members on the next steps with the Marshfront Management Plan, and Environment & Wildlife Grant process.

Mr. Demler commented on a proposed Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) policy on coyotes.

Discussions were had with committee members on these types of policies for nuisance and/or animals.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morr moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Demler seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.
The Town of Seabrook Island invites applications from eligible organizations for funding from the Environment and Wildlife Conservation Grants program. Environment and Wildlife Conservation Grants will be awarded to provide support for programs and activities that are designed to benefit the Town of Seabrook Island by preserving and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat, enhancing environmental and wildlife conservation efforts, or improving citizen participation, satisfaction, and sense of place. Applications will be accepted beginning on April 1, 2024, and will continue to be accepted until the earlier of October 1, 2024, or until all available funds have been committed.

### Applicant Information

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<th>Organization Name</th>
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<td>Contact Person</td>
<td>Lauren Rust</td>
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<td>Mailing Address</td>
<td>1367 Clearbrook Street North Charleston, SC 29405</td>
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<td>Phone Number</td>
<td>843-991-6953</td>
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<td>Email Address</td>
<td><a href="mailto:lauren@lmmn.org">lauren@lmmn.org</a></td>
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Brief Description of the Organization and Its Membership:

LMMN’s mission is to protect local marine mammals for future generations through educational outreach, dolphin monitoring and stranding response. LMMN has been active on SBI since 2018 when our dolphin education program started. The program now has approximately 30 SBI resident volunteer. Each year our volunteers speak to over 4,000 SBI visitors about dolphin conservation.

What is the organization’s annual budget? $250,000.00

Is this organization registered as a non-profit organization under state and/or federal law? Yes

If Yes, Tax ID #: 81-4887156

If this organization is NOT registered as a non-profit organization, please explain how and why the organization operates as a not-for-profit under the grant’s eligibility criteria.

### Grant Amount

| Amount Requested (Min: $250.00; Max: $2,500.00) | $2,500.00 |

### Project Budget

In the space below, please provide a detailed budget showing how the requested funds will be spent if awarded:

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4 PURPOSE

In the space below, please describe how these funds will be used to benefit the Town of Seabrook Island

LMMN is in need of a high quality long lens to continue to photograph the dolphins at Captain Sam’s. A long lens is necessary to accurately identify each dolphin by its unique dorsal fin. Being able to identify individual dolphins provides our team with that animal’s sighting history, life history information (i.e. identifying the mom when we see a new calf), and tracking information on the social bonds between dolphins (i.e. which dolphins hang out together or strand feed together). This information is shared with town officials and volunteers to provide them with a better understanding of SBI’s dolphins. This information is shared with residents and visitors which gives their experience watching dolphins a lot more depth.

Additionally, with our hydrophone (underwater microphone), being able to match the sound with an individual dolphin will allow us to someday identify a dolphin’s signature whistle. Having a long lens to identify each dolphin is necessary as it cannot be done without.

5 REIMBURSEMENT

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<th>Upon presentation of all required documentation and/or receipts, to whom should the grant check be sent?</th>
<th>LMMN co/ Lauren Rust (address listed above)</th>
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Note: All documentation must be submitted to the Town Clerk no later than December 15th of the grant year.

6 CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the above-named organization. I acknowledge that the Town reserves the right to require additional information and that the submittal of this application is not a guarantee of grant funding. On behalf of the organization, I acknowledge that any awarded funds shall be spent in accordance with all applicable laws and shall conform to the guidelines of the grant program. Furthermore, I acknowledge that the town is not party to nor liable for any dispute associated with the expenditure of awarded funds.

Applicant Signature

Lauren Rust

Applicant Printed Name

Lauren Rust

Submittal Date

4/29/2024

Please return completed applications to:

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Attn: Town Clerk
2001 Seabrook Island Road
Seabrook Island, SC 29455
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<td>Mailing Address</td>
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**Brief Description of the Organization and Its Membership**

The Seabrook Island Garden Club (SIGC) began 35 years ago to provide a forum to discuss horticulture and coordinate projects to benefit the island. Historically, the Garden Club planted and managed the wildflower garden where the Lake House now stands. We have over 100 members and operate on an annual budget of less than $3000 raised from dues.

**What is the organization's annual budget?**

- $2,500.00

**Is this organization registered as a non-profit organization under state and/or federal law?**

- Yes

**If this organization is NOT registered as a non-profit organization, please explain how and why the organization operates as a not-for-profit under the grant's eligibility criteria**

We operate like a not-for-profit organization with volunteers. Our speakers do not receive financial compensation. We maintain a cash-based accounting system with no debt. We raise additional funds for philanthropic endeavors related to horticulture. The funds to start work on the Monarch Waystation came from our own philanthropic donations.

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4  **PURPOSE**

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The numbers of eastern Monarchs have plummeted over the past few decades, and biologists are concerned they face extinction. Monarch butterflies depend on milkweed plants. They lay their eggs on the milkweed plant because it is the only food the Monarch caterpillars eat. We must create, conserve, and protect their habitats to offset the loss of milkweeds and nectar sources. A Monarch Waystation (MW) contributes to monarch conservation. A MW with Milkweed plants can provide the nectar sources that bloom sequentially or continuously throughout the breeding season and the migration in the fall. The Seabrook Island Garden Club (SIGC) has started a MW adjacent to the Seabrook Island Garden Plots. Some garden plot stewards already plant pollinator-friendly plants, but more is needed. SIPOA approved this project and helped to cut down a dead tree. The SIGC has already financed the preparation of the site and the construction of a cedar frame raised bed. SIGC recruited volunteers to maintain and water the site on a regular basis. We now need plant materials for the site.

5  **REIMBURSEMENT**

Upon presentation of all required documentation and/or receipts, to whom should the grant check be sent?

| Seabrook Island Garden Club, Treasurer |

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