

Environment and Wildlife Committee Regular Meeting

May 9, 2024

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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & FOIA STATEMENT

Present: Gordon Weis (Councilman, chair), Mark Andrews, Fred Demler, Dean Morr
Absent: Jamie Geiger
Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Abby Grooms (Communications & Events Manager), Tyler Newman (Zoning Administrator), Katharine Watkins (Asst. Town Administrator)
Guests Present: Carol Price (Seabrook Island Garden Club), Lauren Rust (Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network)

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Environment and Wildlife Committee Meeting: April 11, 2024

Mr. Morr moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of April 11th; Mr. Delmer seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Review of Environment & Wildlife Conservation Grants received.

- a. Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network, requested amount: \$2,500.00

Ms. Rust summarized the request from Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network.

Discussions were had with members of the committee.

Mr. Morr moved to recommend to the town council the approval of the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network request in the amount of \$2,500.00; Mr. Delmer seconded. All voted in favor.

The recommendation was approved.

- b. Seabrook Island Garden Club, requested amount: \$619.00

Ms. Price summarized the request from the Seabrook Island Garden Club.

Mr. Morr moved to recommend to the town council the approval of the Seabrook Island Garden Club in the amount of \$619.00; Mr. Geiger seconded. A vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Delmer, Morr, Gordon
Recusal: Andrews

The recommendation was approved.

- B.** Discussion of proposed Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) Alligator Programs and Coyote Management Plan

Councilman Weis updated the committee on the status of the Beachfront Management Plan and Marshfront Management Plan.

Councilman Weis noted SIPOA is working to have the same information on coyotes and alligators between the Town, the Club, and SIPOA.

Discussions were had with committee members and members of the audience.

4. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Andrews commented on the discussions had regarding drones with the Special Committee on Short-Term Rentals and ultra-light aircraft on the beach.

Discussions were had with members of the committee.

Mr. Morr noted that SCDNR has closed access to Deveaux Bank as of May 8th.

Discussions were had with members of the committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

Date: May 9th, 2024

Prepared by: *Katharine E. Watkins*
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