

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Environment & Wildlife Committee Regular Meeting
August 11, 2022



Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Jeri Finke (Chair), Mark Andrews, Martha Goldstein, Dean Morr
Absent: Patti Romano
Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Katharine Watkins (Town Clerk)

Approval of Minutes for the June 9, 2022, EWC meeting

Mr. Morr moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of June 9th; Mr. Andrews seconded.

Mr. Andrews moved to amend the previous meeting minutes to include the full seasons data report as follows:

“Through 6/22/22 end of season, we talked to 746 people, 473 visitors (64%). 166 hours. Only one negative encounter for the season - teenage boys running through nesting area. Dogs remained at 4. Shorter season but similar numbers of people compared with 2021: 768/521visitors (68%).”

Mr. Morr seconded. All voted in favor.

The amendment was approved.

Using the original motion, the Committee voted on the previous meeting minutes as amended; all voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of June 9, 2022 were approved as amended.

Old Business

Continued discussion of recommending to Council changes to the Town’s beach ordinance, including reviewing policies for specific issues for possible regulation and inclusion in a revised ordinance, such as:

- 1) prohibiting swimming in Captain Sams Inlet (define “swimming”)
- 2) prohibiting balloons, drones, stunt kites
- 3) tightening the prohibition on glass containers, adding prohibition on straws, coolers, etc.
- 4) limiting shovel type (should depth of holes being dug be limited?)
- 5) if and how to limit parasailing off the shoreline
- 6) recognizing professional photographers’ presence on beach for photo shoots
- 7) tightening rules on watercraft
- 8) expanding fishing rules (including limiting # of poles set)
- 9) adding provisions on weddings, memorial services, and special events

Ms. Finke summarized the recommendations for revisions to the beach ordinance by section.

A discussion was had on each recommendation as presented with Town Administrator Cronin.

New Business

Beach Patrol – Is coverage sufficient? Or does a month or more need added to better coordinate with the shorebird migration seasons?

Ms. Finke noted there will be a meeting with Beach Patrol on Monday August 15th with Town Administrator Cronin to discuss this.

Charleston County Greenbelt Program – How to proceed with project development?

Ms. Finke noted some conversations with the Charleston County Greenbelt Program with regards to projects behind the gate.

A discussion was had on potential projects outside of the gate.

Charging Stations – FYI about working with Berkeley Electric for installation in 2023.

Ms. Finke with Town Administrator Cronin noted the Town will be working with Berkeley Electric Co-op to install charging stations at Town Hall.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:59PM.

Date: August 11, 2022

Prepared by: *Katharine E. Watkins*
Town Clerk/Treasurer