

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Environment & Wildlife Committee Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2023



Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Present: Jeri Finke (Chair), Mark Andrews, Martha Goldstein, Dean Morr, Patti Romano  
Absent: None.  
Guests: Abby Sterling, PhD, Manomet, Director of Georgia Bight Shorebird Conservation Initiative  
Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Katharine Watkins (Town Clerk)

### Approval of Minutes for the November 10, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Morr moved the previous meeting minutes of November 10; Mr. Andrews seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of November 10 were approved.

### New Business

Briefing by Abby Sterling, PhD  
Director of the Georgia Bight Shorebird Conservation Initiative

Chairwoman Finke introduced Dr. Abby Sterling, the Director of the Georgia Bight Shorebird Conservation Initiative.

Dr. Sterling presented what the Georgia Bight Shorebird Conservation Initiative does for the does and how the Town of Seabrook Island can be designated as a site of hemispheric importance within this conservation effort.

The Committee clarified the nominating process to be designated as a site of hemispheric importance through WHSRN, and if there is a cost involved through this process.

The Committee inquired what Manomet is and how they related to WHSRN.

The Committee inquired if this application can be done without the Town of Kiawah Island or if it is best to connect the two islands to be nominated and what this process would be.

A discussion was had on who the Town of Seabrook Island should designate as the representative through this process.

The Committee inquired if the Town of Kiawah Island had a similar process discussed to receive this designation.

A discussion was had on the next steps in the application to receive this designation.

### Old Business

Availability of committee members for of a second January meeting to continue discussions about revisions to the beach ordinance.

Chairwoman Finke inquired if the committee would like to have another meeting in January and will notify the committee if one is to be scheduled.

### **Adjourn**

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:58PM.

Date: January 12, 2023

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