

Town of Seabrook Island
Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2020

The Public Safety Committee met Monday, November 9, 2020, and was called to order at 10:00 AM via videoconference, Committee Chair Crane presiding. Committee members attending included Frank Farfone, Art Jones, and Elizabeth Murphy. Town Administrator Joe Cronin also attended. The agenda for the meeting is attached.

The Chair confirmed that all requirements of SC FOIA had been complied with.

1. Approval of minutes

Several members noted misstatements of dates in the October minutes as distributed to the committee. To wit, the date of the next meeting in the minutes distributed was incorrect; that correction was made. It was noted that that the date of the November meeting was incorrect; that, too, was corrected. Finally, the minutes for the Special Meeting on September 2 indicated that next committee would be September 14. There was no subsequent committee meeting in September after the special meeting on September 2. The noted corrections having been made, the minutes for October 12 were approved by a motion from Frank Farfone and as seconded by Art Jones.

The Chair thanked committee members for their attention to these details.

2. Status for ongoing items

a. Pandemic Update

The Chair ensured that everyone was monitoring the uptick of cases statewide and nationally and noted that the virus is still here and going strong. The Town continues to emphasize wearing masks in public areas, maintaining appropriate distancing from others, and washing hands frequently. At this point there is little more that can be done either as a governing body or a community.

b. CEP Update

The Chair stated that Council has approved the update to the CEP recommended by the committee at the Council meeting October 27. The committee then reviewed the steps to distribute the CEP. Three versions will be developed by our Consultant, Scott Cave, and distributed as follows:

- Full version with all contact and process information (specific access credentials) to Town Officials and Staff
- Full version with some contact information and no process information to members of the DRC
- Full version with some contact information (limited) and no process information to be posted on the Town website

The COVID situation will make distributing paper copies a little more difficult. Usually updates would be distributed as part of a DRC meeting, but since all meetings are now done as virtual meetings that process will not happen. Instead, the Town staff will print appropriate versions for distribution and hold them at Town Hall. Those who requested paper copies can arrange to pick up a copy at their convenience.

c. 2021 Budget

The Chair reviewed some items of note regarding Public Safety in the 2021 budget that Council will adopt by year-end noting that Council has decided to drop the satellite phone subscription as it was used very little and the expense could not be justified.

Council is not proposing purchasing any additional communications equipment.

Funds have been included for (1) continued contract work with Scott Cave and (2) Disaster Awareness Day 2021.

d. Upcoming events—

Disaster Awareness postponed from 2020 is scheduled for Thursday June 10, 2021, in conjunction with Kiawah

3. Plans for DRC Exercise

The Chair remarked on the latest information for Storm Eta, its probable path, and potential impact to Seabrook Island. There was no need to raise any alert beyond the present state.

The committee discussed plans for a DRC exercise. We did briefly discuss a scenario for hurricane earlier this year to including some pandemic issues (e.g., effects on evacuation). We discussed various scenarios and concluded that the effects of an event should be the emphasis regardless of the cause. We should emphasize the breadth of the effects from minimal to total disaster: how prepared are we to deal with all levels on the scale.

It was suggested that we might set up a rotating schedule of “scenarios”. This would fit with the “breadth of effects”. The Chair asked members to consider the suggestion, which we would pick up that idea at the next meeting.

4. Beach Patrol Contract due in 2021

The Chair asked the Town Administrator to review the status of the upcoming Beach Patrol contract for renewal. The Administrator and Council will deal with the renewal; the review for the committee was to ensure members were aware.

5. Old business / closing comments

The Chair reviewed that the Town is proposing a new Ordinance updating and/or amending Development Standards that will have an effect on Short-term Rentals (STR's) (ord. 2020-14).

6. Next Meeting: December 14, 2020

There being no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Liz Murphy so moved, and Frank Farfone seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

MEETING

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November 9, 2020

10:00 am (Teleconference)

AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from October Committee meeting (Oct 12, 2020)
2. Status for ongoing items
 - a. Pandemic Update
 - b. CEP Update—
 - i. Council has approved the update to the CEP
 - ii. Discuss next steps
 - c. 2021 budget will be ready to adoption by Council
 - i. Effects on PSC items and issues
 - d. Upcoming events—
 - i. Disaster Awareness postponed from 2020 is scheduled for Thursday June 10, 2021, in conjunction with Kiawah
3. Plans for DRC Exercise
 - a. Scenario
 - b. When
 - c. Distribute CEP
4. (JOE): Beach Patrol Contract due in 2021 (we should review and advise)
5. Old business / closing comments

Next Meeting: December 14, 2020

Adjourn