

Town Council Regular Meeting

July 22, 2025 @ 2:30 PM

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Seabrook Island Town Hall, Council Chambers
2001 Seabrook Island Road
Seabrook Island, SC 29455



AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL & FOIA STATEMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES May 27, 2025: Regular Meeting
June 24, 2025: Regular Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS There are no Public Hearing Items

PRESENTATIONS MUSC Partners Pavilion Status Report

- Dr. Saj Joy, MUSC Charleston Division CEO

CITIZEN COMMENTS *During the first citizen comment period, any citizen may speak pertaining to any item listed on the meeting agenda which does not require a public hearing. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes in which to make his or her comments. Town council shall allow no more than 30 minutes for citizen comments. Preference shall be given to individuals who have signed up or otherwise notified the town clerk/treasurer of a desire to speak prior to the start of the meeting.*

REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Advisory Committees Community Promotions & Engagement Committee (Bruce Kleinman)

Environment & Wildlife Committee (Gordon Weis)

- Environment & Wildlife Conservation Grant Requests:
 - Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network: \$2,450.00

Public Safety Committee (Dan Kortvelesy)

Utility Commission Seabrook Island Utility Commission

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS & STAFF

Mayor's Report Report of the Mayor (Bruce Kleinman)

Staff Reports Report of the Town Administrator

- Employee Recognition
- Classification & Compensation Study Update

- Seabrook Island Road Update
- FY 2026 Pre-Budget Workshop (August 6 @ 9:00 AM)
- State ATAX Grant Applications (Due August 15 @ 12:00 PM)

Report of the Town Clerk/Treasurer

- May 2025 Financials

Report of the Zoning Administrator

- Monthly Code Enforcement Report
- Monthly Permit Activity Report

Report of the Communication & Events Manager

- Chow Town (August 6 @ 5:00-8:00 PM)

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

There are no Ordinances for Second Reading

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

There are no Ordinances for First Reading

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

There are no Other Action Items.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

LSV/Golf Cart Operation Discussion of options to prohibit the operation of low-speed vehicles (LSV) and golf carts on the public portion of Seabrook Island Road

CITIZEN COMMENTS

During the second citizen comment period, any citizen may speak pertaining to any town matter, except personnel matters. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes in which to make his or her comments. Town council shall allow no more than 30 minutes for citizen comments. Preference shall be given to individuals who have signed up or otherwise notified the town clerk/treasurer of a desire to speak prior to the start of the meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kleinman called the meeting to order at 2:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

Town Council Members Present: Mayor Bruce Kleinman; Councilmembers Darryl May, Raymond Hamilton, and Dan Kortvelesy.

Town Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Tyler Newman (Zoning Administrator), Abby Grooms (Communications & Events Manager), and Peter Wiggins (Clerk/Treasurer).

FOIA STATEMENT

The Clerk/Treasurer confirmed that the meeting was advertised in compliance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. Agendas were posted and furnished to news media and all other persons requesting notification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 22, 2025

Town Council Regular Meeting

Mr. May made a motion to approve the minutes from the Town Council Regular Meeting of April 22, 2025, seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

The motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

On May 27, 2025, at 2:30 pm, the Town of Seabrook Island Held a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-03:

An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article IV, Financial Administration; Division 1, Generally; Section 2-603, Expenditure of Funds; so as to amend the allowable methods of expending town funds; and Section 2-604; Forms of Payment; so as to amend the allowable methods of collecting payments owed to the town;

On May 27, 2025, at 2:30 pm, the Town of Seabrook Island Held a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-04:

An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, Officers and Departments; so as to establish Town Departments; and other matters related thereto;

On May 27, 2025, at 2:30 pm, the Town of Seabrook Island Held a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-05:

An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article IV, Financial Administration; Division 2, Purchasing Requirements; so as to amend certain definitions related to the procurement of goods and services; to formalize the role of department directors in the procurement process; to allow an exception from standard purchasing requirements for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA); and other matters related thereto.

Upon being informed by the Clerk of the Council that no persons, either in person or virtually wished to speak on the ordinances, Mayor Kleinman declared the Public Hearing closed at 2:34 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

National Beach Safety Week

Mayor Kleinman declared May 19 – 26, 2025, Beach Safety Week in the Town of Seabrook Island. He urged all residents and visitors to enjoy themselves on the beaches of Seabrook Island while ensuring the safety of both themselves and their families.

Mr. Kortvelesy thanked Rob Edgerton of the Beach Patrol for his hard work and the hard work of his lifeguards.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Community Promotions & Engagement Committee

Mayor Kleinman provided a report of the Community Promotion & Engagement Committee’s most recent meeting.

Recommendation to approve the awarding of a Community Promotion Grant to Seabrook Island Village in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Mayor Kleinman made a motion to approve the awarding of a Community Promotion Grant to the Seabrook Island Village in the amount of \$2,500.00, seconded by Mr. Kortvelesy.

Mr. May stated he supports both the requesting entity and application. However, he expressed his disappointment that the requesting entity was not present to answer questions from the council.

The motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

**Environment & Wildlife
Committee**

Dr. Bill Nelson gave a brief presentation on the mission of the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol.

Recommendation to approve the awarding of an Environment & Wildlife Conservation Grant to the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol in the amount of \$1,000.00

Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the awarding of an Environment & Wildlife Conservation Grant to the Seabrook Island Turtle Patrol in the amount of \$1,000.00, seconded by Mr. Kortvelesy.

The motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Safety Committee

No report.

Utility Commission

Jim Ferland provided a report on the financials of the Seabrook Island Utility Commission (SIUC) through April 2025.

Mr. Ferland reported the SIUC's deep well pump was down for approximately four weeks. He stated that at the present, the pump was back up and running. He stated the cost of fixing the pump was approximately \$150,000. He stated that staff also installed a back-up motor for similar outages in the future. Mr. Ferland thanked Tommy West and his staff for their hard work in repairing the deep well pump.

Mr. Ferland stated the water tower repair was progressing. He stated the structural improvements had been made, and crews were on site, painting the tank at the top of the tower. He stated painting would take two weeks to complete. Following completion, the cell antennas would be moved from the temporary tower back to the water tower.

Mayor Kleinman asked if the cellular service providers would be notified that the tower work was completed.

Mr. Ferland stated they would be notified. He stated hopefully, the improvements to the tower would prompt service providers to improve their antennas, thereby improving cellular service in and around Seabrook Island.

Mr. Ferland stated the Pond Expansion Project remains on schedule. He stated that the first half of the project was nearing completion.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

Mayor

Mayor Kleinman reminded the council that Thursday, May 29, was Disaster Awareness Day, hosted by the Seabrook Island Club.

Mayor Kleinman also reminded the council that the DRC Emergency Preparedness Drill was scheduled for June 17.

Town Administrator

Mr. Cronin stated that the deadline to apply for a Short-Term Rental (STR) permit had passed. He stated the deadline was April 30.

He stated the town implemented an on-line application portal for business licenses and permitting. He stated that both he and staff had hoped rental companies would use the online features. He stated that as of the day of the meeting, 88% of applications were submitted either via paper or email. He stated this has slowed down the processing of STR permits.

Mr. Cronin stated that based on data from staff, the town would be at or near the cap outside the overlay district. He also stated that once applications inside the overlay were processed, they were likely to be under the cap.

Mr. May asked if the use of the online permitting portal would be required when renewals begin in 2026.

Mr. Cronin stated that he and staff have been discussing not taking paper or email applications next year. He stated that it is very likely the town will transition to only online applications beginning in 2026.

Mr. Hamilton asked how the rental income requirement in the ordinance would be measured.

Mr. Cronin stated that beginning in 2026, the STR applicant will need to declare how much income was earned on STR's over the prior twelve months, including the number of nights rented. He stated that if the applicant could not meet the nights rented and income threshold, the application would be removed, opening new cap space.

Mayor Kleinman added he and staff were disappointed in the number of STR applications that were submitted through the online portal. He further stated that the amount of paper applications that were received caused more work for staff. He stated that the process was taking longer than anyone would like, and residents should not assume that the town does not care. He ended by stating that staff are working hard to ensure applications are processed as quickly as possible.

Clerk/Treasurer

Mr. Wiggins stated the FY2024 audit process has begun. Mr. Wiggins gave a report on what the town had provided the audit firm. He stated the audit process is approximately halfway done.

Mayor Kleinman asked what the last month's financials that staff had reviewed.

Mr. Wiggins stated that December of 2024 financials had been reviewed. He stated there were additional checks written by the town in 2025 that need to be accrued to FY2024. He stated those checks were provided to the accountant so that December's financials could be amended.

Mr. Hamilton stated he was disappointed that the town was just receiving January's financials in May. He stated that finances cannot be managed that way.

Mr. Wiggins stated that he had that conversation with the town's accountant.

Zoning Administrator

Code Enforcement Summary: Mr. Newman provided an update of code enforcement and construction activities since the April meeting.

Construction Summary: Mr. Newman provided an update of construction activities since the April meeting.

Beach Patrol Summary: Mr. Newman provided an update of beach patrol activities since the April meeting.

Mr. Kortvelesy asked how many garbage can violations the town had observed since April.

Mr. Newman stated that code enforcement officers observed 87 garbage can violations.

Mr. May asked how code enforcement officers will handle repeat offenders of the garbage can ordinance.

Mr. Cronin stated that code enforcement officers have discretions as to whether they issue citations. Mr. Cronin stated that residents should expect to receive a citation if they continue run afoul of the ordinance.

Mayor Kleinman asked what period the 87 garbage can violations cover.

Mr. Newman stated that 87 violations were observed since the April council meeting. Mr. Newman stated that in the past, he had observed

over 200 garbage can violations in a single day. He further stated that the 87 violations were not unsurprising.

**Communication & Events
Manager**

Ms. Grooms stated the first Chowtown event is scheduled for May 28 at Town Hall. She also stated that May 29 is Disaster Awareness Day at the Seabrook Island Club.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

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Mr. May motioned to approve the ordinance at second reading, seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. May's motion was passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Ordinance 2025-04: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article V, Officers and Departments; so as to establish Town Departments; and other matters related thereto

Mr. Hamilton motion to approve the ordinance at second reading, seconded by Mr. Kortvelesy.

Mr. Hamilton's motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Ordinance 2025-05: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; Article IV, Financial Administration; Division 2, Purchasing Requirements; so as to amend certain definitions

Mr. Cronin stated there was a change to the ordinance since first reading. He stated the ordinance now allows the town, when purchasing items off a state contract, to purchase those items locally, if the item is found at a less expensive price. He stated if the item has not been budgeted for, the purchase is subject to the mayor's approval.

Mr. Kortvelesy motioned to approve the ordinance at second reading, seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Kortvelesy's motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.

related to the procurement of goods and services; to formalize the role of department directors in the procurement process; to allow an exception from standard purchasing requirements for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA); and other matters related thereto

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

There were no ordinances for first reading.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

There were no other action items.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

There were no items for information/discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hamilton asked the town’s attorney why the town could not institute term limits.

Mr. Aiken stated the opinion of the Attorney General’s office was that any power the council may have to approve term limits must come from either the SC Code of Laws or the South Carolina Constitution. He stated the Attorney General opined that that authority does not exist in either document.

Mr. Hamilton asked what would be required to delay the implementation of Ordinance 2025-02, the ordinance transitioning council and the mayor to four, from two-year terms.

Mr. Cronin stated that the council would need to start with a new ordinance, amending Ordinance 2025-02. He stated that the timeline would be tight, as filing for the 2025 election begins in early August.

Mr. Hamilton asked if the town had a contingency plan if there was a lack of candidates filing for seats on the council.

Mr. Cronin stated that, although he was not certain, there could be a subsequent petition or write-in candidate, or the town could have a special election to fill open seats.

Mr. Hamilton mentioned recent flooding and asked what the timeline was for the completion of Seafields.

Mr. Cronin replied that the flooding did not originate from the Seafields site. He stated the flooding in the right-of-way has been occurring since before he was the town's administrator. He stated that the ponding in the right-of-way is caused by poor drainage. He further stated that Seafields has scheduled the installation of drainage improvements for the second week of July.

Mr. May stated he was pleased to read in Tidelines of the return of the purple martins to the gourds hanging in the Equestrian Center. He stated the return was in part because of the town's grant programs.

Mayor Kleinman asked if the Attorney General opinion was related to elections on Edisto Beach.

Mr. Aiken stated he was not positive where the opinion originated, but he recalled it could have come from Edisto Beach.

Mayor Kleinman stated that often times, the number of candidates that file for office on Seabrook Island, equals the number of seats available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kleinman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

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June 24, 2025 @ 2:30 PM

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kleinman called the meeting to order at 2:42 pm.

ROLL CALL

Town Council Members Present: Mayor Kleinman; Councilmembers Darryl May, Gordon Weis, Raymond Hamilton and Dan Kortvelesy.

Town Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Abby Grooms (Communications & Events Manager), and Tyler Newman (Zoning Administrator)

FOIA STATEMENT

The Town Administrator confirmed that the meeting was advertised in compliance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. Agendas were posted and furnished to news media and all other persons requesting notification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

There were no public hearing items.

PRESENTATIONS

Charles Cheves/St. John's Fire District (SJFD)

Chief Ryan Kunitzer of SJFD briefed the council on a medical emergency responded to by Beach Patrol and SJFD. He stated both agencies responded to an adult male on Hidden Oak Drive in cardiac arrest.

The individual needing emergency care stated his experience was hard to put into words. He stated he was grateful to SJFD and Mr. Cheves for the care they provided.

Mayor Kleinman stated this presentation was a lesson in how lucky residents are to be surrounded by professionals like the ones staffing the Beach Patrol and SJFD.

Mr. Kortvelesy stated SJFD is looking to constantly improve. He stated SJFD is working to staff every engine with a certified paramedic.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

REPORTS OF TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Community Promotions & Engagement Committee

Mayor Kleinman provided a report of the Community Promotion & Engagement Committee's most recent meeting.

Recommendation to approve the awarding of a Community Promotion Grant to Seabrook Island Photography Club in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Bill Breunsbach gave a brief presentation of the Photography Club's mission.

Mr. Weis made a motion to approve the awarding of a Community Promotion Grant to the Seabrook Island Photography Club in the amount of \$1,200.00, seconded by Mr. Kortvelesy.

Mr. Weis' motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

Recommendation to approve the awarding of a Community Promotion Grant to the Seabrook Island Artist's Guild in the amount of \$1,100.00.

Michael Younger of the Seabrook Island Artist's Guild gave a brief presentation of the group's mission.

Mr. Hamilton asked if anyone was open to submitting works to the guild.

Mr. Younger stated only members would be eligible to submit works to the group.

Mr. Hamilton stated he watched the Community Promotions & Engagement Committee meeting of June 23. He encouraged the group to better define what an artist is.

Mr. Younger stated the website has been updated and was very clear on the types of artists the guild can support.

Mr. Weis made a motion to approve the awarding of a Community Promotion Grant to the Seabrook Island Artists Guild in the amount of \$1,100.00, seconded by Mr. Kortvelesy.

Mr. May stated he received a letter requesting the grant be denied based on photographers not being eligible to submit works to the guild.

Mr. Kortvelesy stated it was his opinion that the grant and whether the guild accepts photographers as members of their group are two separate issues.

Mayor Kleinman asked if the organization qualifies under the town's grant guidelines and whether the organization plans to spend the money in accordance with the grant guidelines. He stated he has yet to hear anyone say that they do not qualify.

The motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

Environment & Wildlife Committee

Mr. Weis provided a report of the Environment & Wildlife Committee's most recent meeting. He stated the committee was discussing the town's beach rules.

Public Safety Committee

Mr. Kortvelesy provided a report of the Public Safety Committee's most recent meeting.

He stated the Disaster Recovery Council (DRC) convened last week. He continued by saying the committee will meet next month to debrief the DRC exercise.

Utility Commission

Jim Ferland, SIUC Chair, provided an update on the commission's May finances.

Mr. Ferland stated they have hired three of the four open positions. He stated he was hopeful SIUC would be fully staffed in the coming weeks.

Mr. Ferland stated the water tower painting is complete. He stated the cellular service providers were notified the painting is complete.

Mr. Ferland stated the Pond Expansion Project remains on schedule and on budget.

Mr. Kortvelesy asked if SIUC, or other public utilities measure water level of local aquifers.

Mr. Ferland stated that SIUC does not, mostly because their well is 2,000' deep.

Mr. Ferland closed by saying that SIUC, the town, and outside counsel is working on a small land transfer between the Seabrook Island Club and SIUC to accommodate the expansion of SIUC's administration building.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

Mayor

Mayor Kleinman thanked staff for their work in completing the processing of STR permit applications.

Mayor Kleinman informed the council that the town's attorneys have been working to draft an annexation ordinance.

Mayor Kleinman stated he had toured the new building at Seafields. He stated Seafields representatives have offered to give councilmembers tours of their facility.

Mayor Kleinman encouraged residents to attend the Mayor's Town Hall on June 26.

Mayor Kleinman stated that the letters that were submitted by the town opposing offshore gas and oil exploration were received. He stated that the offices of elected officials were supportive of the comments submitted by the town.

Town Administrator

Mr. Cronin stated that Seafields would be installing permanent site drainage in mid-July. He stated he requested that they keep at least 5' of the path passable.

Mr. Cronin stated he has posted an opening for a Finance Director.

Mr. Cronin provided a report on the processing of STR permit applications. He thanked staff for working hard to get all applications processed as quickly as possible.

Mr. Hamilton asked what the deadline was for the town to receive payment from STR applicants.

Mr. Cronin stated that staff would email applicants that have not paid their permit fee. He said it is not something on which he wants to continue to wait, given there are other applicants in line to have cap space open.

Mr. May asked if "new applications" in the summary provided to council were already existing homes that had not been previously rented.

Mr. Cronin stated that most of them were previously unrented homes.

Mr. May asked if the town would provide incentives to apply for STR permits online beginning in 2026.

Mr. Cronin stated that STR permits, provided the permit remains in good standing, will not expire beginning in 2026. He further stated that it is more likely than not, all business licenses, which an STR permit holder will need, will only be accepted online beginning in 2026.

Mr. Cronin stated that a pre-budget workshop is scheduled for 9:00 am on August 6. He asked the council to come with budgetary priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Cronin gave an update on the town's financials through March.

Zoning Administrator

Code Enforcement Summary: Mr. Newman provided an update of code enforcement and construction activities since the May meeting.

Beach Patrol Summary: Mr. Newman provided an update of beach patrol activities since the May meeting.

Communication & Events Manager

Ms. Grooms reminded members of the council that the next Chowtown is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

Ms. Grooms also reminded that the Independence Day fireworks is scheduled for July 3.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

There were no Ordinances for Second Reading.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

There were no Ordinances for First Reading.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 2025-31: A resolution to appoint and commission David Hutson as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security and general welfare for the Town of Seabrook Island (Beach Patrol)

Mr. Weis made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-31, seconded by Mr. May.

Mr. Weis' motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

SATAX Program Guidelines

Mr. Cronin gave a brief presentation on the allocation of state accommodations tax funds.

Mr. Cronin stated that groups applying for accommodations tax funds will need to be registered as charitable organizations, similar to the requirements found in the Environment and Conservation and Community Promotions Grant guidelines.

Mr. Weis made a motion to approve the grant guidelines, seconded by Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Weis' motion was approved with the following vote:

Mr. Hamilton	yea
Mr. Kleinman	abstain
Mr. Kortvelesy	yea
Mr. May	yea
Mr. Weis	yea

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

There were no Items for Information/Discussion.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no Citizen Comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hamilton asked if the town should be approving grant applications for entities whose applications are still being reviewed by the South Carolina Secretary of State's office.

The town's legal counsel stated the town could approve the funds contingent on the group's charitable status not being revoked.

Mr. May stated he wanted the council to consider raising the speed limit on Seabrook Island Road, in effect, prohibiting low-speed vehicles (LSV) on Seabrook Island Road outside the Seabrook Island Property Owner's Association (SIPOA) gate. He stated if the speed limit were raised to at least 36 miles per hour, LSV's would be prohibited on the road per state statute.

He stated that he is aware that LSV's are here to stay on Seabrook Island, but he said their proliferation shouldn't extend to a roadway where the speed limit is 35 miles per hour.

Mr. May stated that most of the time, LSV's are travelling at 15 miles per hour. He further stated he is frequently in a line of cars behind an LSV, and the train of vehicles is usually going around 15 miles per hour. He stated there is a safety issue when impatient drivers pull out to pass several cars and the LSV.

He stated that some people have told him that drivers should just enjoy the slower pace. Mr. May stated he did not want to make the trip from the gate to Freshfields going only 15 miles per hour.

He closed by stating he does not want to take away resident's LSV's, but would like this issue on a future agenda so the council could have the opportunity to debate the matter and hear public comments.

Mr. Weis commented that he had an LSV with several people on board and was able to travel 23 miles per hour.

Mr. Kortvelesy stated he has rarely been stuck behind an LSV, but that this might be due to the times he travels outside the SIPOA gate. He stated he has had conversations with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), and they have told him it is unlawful to impede traffic. He stated that LSV's have been viewed as an enforcement issue by the Public Safety Committee.

Mayor Kleinman stated he agreed that there is an enforcement issue, but that he was not convinced that LSV enforcement is a priority issue with CCSO.

Mayor Kleinman announced to the council that SIPOA had agreed to afford the amenities of the Lakehouse to full-time, Town of Seabrook Island staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Kleinman declared the meeting adjourned at 4:33 pm.



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Environment & Wildlife Grant 2025

Contact Us: (843) 768-9121
[pwiggins@townofseabrookisland.org](mailto:pwiggin@townofseabrookisland.org)

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 may be awarded to provide financial support for programs, projects, and activities that are designed to benefit the Town of Seabrook Island by preserving and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat within the town, expanding resident and/or visitor knowledge of environmental and wildlife issues affecting the town, or enhancing environmental and wildlife conservation efforts within the town. Applications will be accepted beginning on March 1, 2025 and will continue to be accepted until the earlier of October 1, 2025, or until all available funds have been committed.

1 APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Organization Name	Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network		
Contact Person	Lauren Rust		
Mailing Address	1367 clearbrook st. North Charleston, SC 29405		
Phone Number	(843) 991-6953	Email Address	lauren@lmmn.org
Brief description of the organization and its membership	LMMN protects local marine mammals (dolphins and whales) through education, conservation, and research.		
What is the organization's annual budget?	\$ 213,000.00		
Which of the following best describes the organization?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This organization is tax-exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> This organization is established for a benevolent, social welfare, scientific, educational, environmental, philanthropic, humane, patriotic, public health, civic, or other eleemosynary purpose, or for the benefit of law enforcement personnel, firefighters, or other persons who protect the public safety <input type="checkbox"/> This organization has a charitable purpose or appeal as the basis of solicitation.		

*Pursuant to the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act (S.C. Code of Laws Title 33, Chapter 56), all charitable organizations that solicit contributions or have contributions solicited on their behalf must register with the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office on an annual basis unless they fall under one of the statutory exemptions. **Please attach a copy of your organization's current registration (or exemption) with your application.***

2 GRANT AMOUNT	
Amount Requested (Min: \$250.00; Max: \$2,500.00)	\$ 2,450.00

3 PROJECT BUDGET		
In the space below, please provide a detailed budget showing how the requested funds will be spent if awarded:		
Item(s) or Service(s) to be Purchased	Vendor (If Known)	Amount Budgeted
YSI (water quality)	unknown	\$1,300.00
Supplies (such as gloves, vials, bags, scalpels)	as needed	\$500.00
Binoculars	Nikon (Amazon)	\$150.00
Outreach materials	Vistaprint or Fedex	\$500.00
		\$
	TOTAL	\$ 2,450.00

4 PURPOSE

In the space below, please describe (1) how the funds will be used and (2) how the project will provide a demonstrable benefit to the Town of Seabrook Island

LMMN works to protect local dolphins around Charleston with a special interest in the dolphins around SBI. We have been studying this small population since 2018 both from land and on the water (boat surveys). This research has allowed us to better understand individual dolphins, their feeding behaviors, and movements around the sea Islands, particularly the Kiawah River. Our work also involves responding to sick and injured dolphins across the state, including SBI. If an animal is sick, injured, entangled or dead our team works to respond each animal to learn more about how and why they died. This information is critical in understanding their health and the threats they face. The funds received here will help us continue our dolphin monitoring, response, and continued outreach. SBI has a big interest in their wildlife, particularly the local dolphins. Our efforts help protect animals, learn more about them and share this information through outreach within the community.

5 REIMBURSEMENT

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

LMMN c/o Lauren Rust

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	
Applicant Printed Name	Lauren Rust
Submittal Date	6/20/25

Please return completed applications to:

Town of Seabrook Island
Attn: Town Clerk
2001 Seabrook Island Road
Seabrook Island, SC 29455



State of South Carolina
Office of the Secretary of State
The Honorable Mark Hammond

11/13/2024

Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network
Lauren Rust
1367 Clearbrook Street
North Charleston, SC29405

RE: Registration Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P58416

Dear Lauren Rust :

This letter confirms that the Secretary of State's Office has received and accepted your Registration, therefore, your charitable organization is in compliance with the registration requirement of the "South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act." The registration of your charitable organization will expire on 11/15/2025.

If any of the information on your Registration form changes throughout the course of the year, please contact our office to make updates. It is important that this information remain updated so that our office can keep you informed of any changes that may affect your charitable organization.

If you have not yet filed your annual financial report or an extension for the annual financial report, the annual financial report is still due 4½ months after the close of your fiscal year.

- Annual financial reports must either be submitted on the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or 990-EZ or the Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form.
- If you wish to extend the filing of that form with us, please submit a written request by email or fax to our office using the contact information below. Failure to submit the annual financial report may result in an administrative fine of up to \$2,000.00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit our website at www.sos.sc.gov or contact our office using the contact information below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Wickersham", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kimberly S. Wickersham
Director, Division of Public Charities

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