

TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
July 20, 2010 5:00 o'clock p.m.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ken Harbin called meeting to order at 5:02pm. Members in attendance: John Adair, Ken Harbin, Melodye Lane-Laveglia, P.L. Mabry. Absent: Dan Sine.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE – lead by Ken at 5:03pm.

AGENDA & MINUTES APPROVAL

Melodye made a motion to approve minutes of April 20, 2010 meeting as presented. John seconded the motion. No discussion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR – MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Harbin asked if there were any corrections/additions to the agenda. No changes were proposed.

BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

a. Update – Water Quality Monitoring: Since the last business meeting several workshops have been conducted dealing with monitoring. There will be training held on Thursday, July 22nd in Murrells Inlet. This will not be the official training for the town. However, town residents will be in attendance – The Hunts, Shelby Smith, and Melodye. Formal training for the monitor team in Surfside Beach will take place within the next 3-4 weeks according to Nicole Saladin. August 11th is the next date for sampling. Melodye asked if there would be enough participants. Per Ken and John, “Yes”. Discussion continued involving monitoring the east end of Dogwood Lake and the need for vegetation around our lakes.

b. Update – Wetland Carpet @ Myrtle Lake: John reported that Myrtle Lake is on the State list of “impaired waterways”. Charleston Aquatics will be installing a wetland carpet on Friday, July 30th. There will also be a floating island to aid in removal of excess nutrients, rid the area of waterfowl, and stop erosion. John and Nicole will make sure that baseline reading of water quality are taken prior to the installation of the carpet as well as photos of the property before and after installation. Stu Schuck of Charleston Aquatics will present an educational overview prior to installation. It was suggested that this information presentation be held in Council Chambers on Friday, July 30th at 8:30am. Joan Saleem will verify with the Town Clerk that Chambers is available. Joan will then notify Nicole so that an informational flyer can be distributed to town residents. A bulletin will also be posted on the town website. Ken asked if there were any plans to install a fountain/aerator at Myrtle Lake. John stated that he would like to see a fountain there. Nicole informed the committee that she had been in contact with Stu regarding a “maintenance & upkeep” schedule once installation has been completed. John advised the committee that “low maintenance” plants had been requested when the order was placed for the carpet.

c. Presentation – “Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination” (IDDE): Chairman Harbin turned the floor over to Nicole. Nicole explained the purpose of the LID presentation being held on July 22nd was to begin the process for providing guidance to compile a manual for storm water that would be available to municipalities, etc. statewide. John stated that he would be in attendance. Nicole offered a power point presentation explaining IDDE and its relation to the town’s storm water permit. IDDE is MCM#3 (Minimum Control Measure) of our NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit. There are 6 MCM in total. Take a proactive approach to ensure that “Only Rain Down the Drain”! Nicole advised the committee

that the town stormwater ordinance needs to be revised so that the required regulatory language is contained in that ordinance. Nicole suggested that the committee contact Steve Strickland from EarthWorks for a copy of the town stormwater (sewer) system map. Nicole also recommended the committee contact Janet Wood of Myrtle Beach. Janet has been instrumental in the formation of Watershed Protection and would be a great resource for the town. Ken asked "how did our permit get approved if this regulatory language is missing?" Per Nicole, DHEC is busy. New permitting clarifications/regulations will take affect soon and the town NPDES permit is due in 2012. Nicole advised the committee that the town stormwater ordinance and the NPDES permit should mesh. The committee needs to bring recommendations to Council for needed changes to the ordinance. Committee stated that the August 17th and September 21st workshops will be used to formulate ordinance changes.

d. New Business – 10th Avenue North Culvert/Bridge: Committee discussed the plan to replace the bridge between Magnolia and Dogwood lakes. John explained that this involves the placement of two 48" concrete pipes and then paving over the construction. The plan involves that use of CTC monies. P.L. Mabry informed the committee that the property in question never belonged to the town; it is the State's bridge. Chairman Harbin asked if it was the consensus of the committee to support construction of the bridge at 10th north. Should someone contact SCDOT first to see what the State was supposed to have done to this location? P.L. reiterated that the town should not spend its money to repair a bridge that it does not own. It was the committee's consensus to recommend the project to council with stipulations/clarifications regarding ownership of the bridge. It should also be explained to council that this will involve CTC funds not the town's money.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Harbin opened the floor for public comments.

Brenda Criplivier (sp) is concerned about residents' safety at the Hermitage. People have fallen into the lake. Brenda stated that most of her questions have already been answered during the meeting.

Bob Childs, 311 14th Avenue North – requested that more attention be given to our pilot project on Magnolia. Some of the plants have already died; property needs to be watered.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Discussion regarding the next two months' workshops/seminars. August workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 17th. September workshop will be held on September 21st. Both at 5:00pm in council chambers. August workshop will address the initial steps for IDDE changes to our stormwater ordinance. September workshop will be a continuation of August workshop if necessary.

ADJOURN

Melodye made a motion to adjourn. John seconded. No discussion. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR – MOTION CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Saleem
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Town of Surfside Beach

