



**STORMWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 25, 2016 ♦ 12:00 o'clock p.m.
Surfside Beach Town Council Chambers**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Members present: Chairman Elliott, Vice-Chairman Mabry, and members Beck, Crouch, and Mull. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Clerk Herrmann, Public Works Director Adair, and Dr. Susan Libes, Coastal Carolina University Director of the Waccamaw Watershed Academy.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairman Elliott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL.

Mr. Mabry moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Crouch second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. MINUTES APPROVAL.

Mr. Crouch moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2016 meeting as submitted. Mr. Mabry second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Mabry moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2016 workshop as submitted. Mr. Crouch second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items.

There were no public comments.

6. WATER MONITORING REPORT, Dr. Susan Libes.

Dr. Libes said there had not been much activity since June, and distributed a written report about beach monitoring. A detailed discussion ensued about the town's stormwater system and how it functions.

7. EDUCATION – Reducing Runoff Pollutants, Dr. Susan Libes.

Dr. Libes presented the committee with information about reducing runoff pollutants, after which a discussion ensued. Key points were:

- No dog waste in the catch basins; encourage dog owners to carry bags with their leashes
- Keep grass cuttings and leaves out of pipes and drainage ways
- Only stormwater should go into a stormwater system

The members **CONCURRED** to have an education information table at the annual family festival. Chairman Elliott would reserve the table. Dr. Libes offered to provide some bags that would attach to a dog leash, and she would find out if the spokes dog, Simon, could attend.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Director Adair.

Mr. Adair said the CRS PPI (Community Rating Service Program for Public Information) would be making recommendations to Town Council regarding the flood damage prevention ordinance. Any changes made by council will be reported to the stormwater committee. Enhanced maintenance of the

58 town's stormwater system may be a factor in better water quality readings. Town Council authorized the
59 study for the stormwater utility fee; once that is completed, he will present to the committee. There are no
60 capital projects for this fiscal year.

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62 **10. BUSINESS – Meeting Times, Chairman Elliott.**

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64 Mr. Beck said either 5:00 p.m. or 12 noon were suitable for him. Mr. Adair said either time did not
65 affect his duties. Mr. Crouch moved to change the meeting time to 12 noon. Mr. Mabry second. All
66 voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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68 **11. DISCUSSION - Any items of Interest or Concern to Committee Members.**

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70 There was no other discussion.

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72 **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

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74 Mr. David Reed, Myrtle Drive North. Residents are allowed to fill in the swales by their homes,
75 which he supports. Some people use concrete pipes, and asked if perforated pipes should be used. Mr.
76 Adair replied that it depends on the situation. An infiltration pipe should be part of a system, not just for
77 one house. Mr. Reed asked whether the town swashes were safe places for tourists to play. He did not
78 believe the water was clean enough for humans to use, especially babies.

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80 Mr. Dennis Davis, Cedar Drive North. I am so glad I came today. I certainly learned a lot and I
81 appreciate Dr. Libes' presentation. Daily he saw landscapers working in the neighborhood and asked
82 whether they know the rules about disposing of grass and leaves. Is there a fine if the landscapers
83 violate the rules? Mr. Adair said there is an ordinance against dumping. Landscapers are supposed to
84 carry off any debris for disposal, however, it is difficult to catch violators. But there is a penalty when they
85 are caught and issued a summons. Mr. Davis how the public and visitors could be informed about the
86 rules. Chairman Elliott said recently magnets and flyers were distributed to realtors. Mr. Adair said the
87 magnets focused on recycling; not feeding wildlife, and no kids driving golf carts. Between 3 and 4
88 thousand magnets were given away. A magnet is being designed for the CRS program. Some magnets
89 might be used during the "Poop Fairy" campaign.

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91 Mr. Crouch asked if brochures were distributed. Mr. Adair said over the years there have many
92 different types of things distributed. Mr. Crouch asked if lawn maintenance companies were required to
93 be licensed. Mr. Adair said no license is required for a lawn service by the State Licensing and Labor
94 Board; however, a town business license is required. Dr. Libes said that a license is required to apply
95 pesticides, but she believed it was in the process of being repealed. Mr. Adair said he holds the license
96 for the town for its spraying purposes. A license is required to spray regulated restricted pesticide
97 products. Mr. Crouch said the lawn maintenance crews that work near his home always bag and remove
98 the grass clippings. Limbs are stacked somewhere and the public works crew ends up picking them up.
99 In his opinion, the individuals are the ones that need the best practice education. Mr. Adair agreed it was
100 the homeowner and the smaller lawn maintenance companies that should be targeted for education.

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102 Dr. Libes said the consortium had given education programs for property managers. People were
103 invited from all over the county. There were only about ten attending the last session. The purpose was
104 for the property managers to understand the very same issues that was discussed today. No time was
105 spent on ways for them to explain the issues to their homeowners or tenants.

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107 **11. COMMITTEE COMMENTS.**

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109 Chairman Elliott called for a recess at 1:14 p.m. so the clerk could get the calendar to schedule
110 the next meeting. Chairman Elliott called the meeting back to order at 1:17 p.m. After reviewing the
111 calendar, Chairman Elliott announced that the next workshop would be held Monday, September 19th at
112 12:00 noon to discuss preparations for the Family Festival being held October 1st.

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114 There were no other committee comments.
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116 **12. ADJOURNMENT.**
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118 Mr. Beck moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:19 p.m. Mr. Mabry second. All voted in favor.
119 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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124 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk
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126 Approved: October 18, 2016
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129 Sandra Elliott, Chairman
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132 P. L. Mabry, Vice Chairman
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132 Alan Beck, Committee Member
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135 Ron Crouch, Committee Member
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135 Tabitha Mull, Committee Member
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142 *subscription list. The agenda was posted on the entry door at Town Council Chambers. Meeting notice was also*
143 *posted on the town website at www.surfsidebeach.org and the marquee.*