

Holden Beach Property Owners Association

MINUTES

Easter Membership Meeting

March 27, 2016 10:00AM

Holden Beach Town Hall Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 by the President. A quorum was present.

Police Chief Wally Layne gave an update on the Police Department. They have completed training and are undergoing an audit by the State. The speed limit on OBW west of the pier will drop down to 35 in about a month. He has added two part time clerks who man the front desk.

Town Manager David Hewett gave an update. Bridgeview Park coming together. They are completing components of the BIG grant Town financed items. The 90' dock, restrooms, lights and multipurpose court should be completed by Memorial Day. The summer concerts are scheduled. The state is looking at our method of measuring structure height and may apply it to the rest of the state. The new FEMA flood maps probably won't be approved for another year. Our Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by the state. Paving projects will start next week and should be complete by Memorial Day. There have been issues with the sewer system. Some valve pits have a design flaw and need to be replaced. The Sewer Advisory Committee continues work on flooding and electrical issues of the system. The Public Works Department has been working to minimize the odor from the sewer station near the Pavilion. The canals are in good shape, they are working on an update to the master plan. Shallow Draft Inlet (SDI) process is going forward for permits. The Town plans to place 150,000 cubic yards on the east end in November. Last fall approximately 40,000 cubic yards was added. The Terminal Groin is in the permitting stage. There were 165 comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. A decision from the Corps is expected in June. The Central Reach Project, which will place 1.3M cubic yards of sand on the beach from 240 OBE to 781 OBW is moving forward. Final engineering is being done now and the project will kick off in the fall. After the sand placement a Development line will be implemented. The annual Beach Monitoring survey starts next month. Captain Jacks has finally been removed from the beach strand. The contract for the landscaping project on the mainland side of the bridge has been finalized. Work will start April 4. This is a Beautification Club project funded by NCDOT. The HBBC Plant Sale will be April 22-23. There will be a Town sponsored shred event on Earth Day. Call the Town to report mosquito problems. They are being especially vigilant due to the Zika virus.

Mayor Alan Holden gave an update. The BOC meetings have been changed to the third Tuesday of the month and there is a new process to sign up to speak. He is seeing the most new construction since the crash. Rental season looks good as well. He expressed concerns that while the survey from Duke University regarding the Terminal Groin was not biased, Orrin Pilkey of Duke University might be involved. Dr. Pilkey is opposed to hardened structures on the beach. He stated that only \$34,000,000 would be spent by the Town on the Groin. Mayor Holden said the beach strand was in great shape, though there is some erosion on the west end of the island. Voting will now be done at the EOC center, not at the Coastline Rescue building.

Business Meeting

The minutes of the Thanksgiving meeting were approved as presented.

Member Ronda Dixon discussed the need for an information session for the terminal groin. A motion was made and seconded to have HBPOA host an informational meeting on the Groin and to invite both those in favor and those opposed to present information and answer questions. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Myers introduced Bev Compton who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. There is another remaining vacancy and anyone interested is encouraged to apply. The membership drive has been overwhelmingly successful. We have more than 966 members. He encouraged everyone to make sure they are signed up for email notices. The commemorative bricks for the playground have been shipped and will be installed by the Town.

Communications Chair Marlene Hahn reported that the website has had over 17,000 views this year and averages over 40 per day. There is a newsletter that in the draft stage to be mailed out.

Sally Caldwell gave the Financial Report. We are in good shape and on budget.

The Liaison Committee reported that the AEDs voted on at the Thanksgiving meeting had been purchased and delivered to the Chapel. The \$500 check for the Beautification Club was also delivered.

Old Business

A new Noise Ordinance has been put in place as requested by HBPOA last year. Oil and Gas development off the coast (though not seismic testing) has been taken off the table. Wind Farms are still moving forward, but the Wilmington West section has been slowed a bit.

New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Y. Myers
Volunteer Secretary