Town of Sunset Beach
Environmental Resource Committee (ERC) Meeting
January 15, 2020

Minutes

Members Present: Pete Larkin, Tim Kenney, Don Eggert and John Farrell
Members Absent: Sarah Ramsey
Staff Present: John Michaux, Stormwater Manager; Todd Rademacher, Planning Director
Council Members Present: None

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.

Amendment and Approval of Draft Agenda. Motion to accept Agenda
After a motion by Don Eggert that was seconded by John Farrell, the draft agenda was accepted.

ERC Member Housekeeping Discussions
John Farrell requested that Todd add him to Friday's weekly update email list.

John Farrell stated that the public was unaware of upgrades by the town in regards to the governor's executive order #80 which addresses climate change. Various upgrades such as electric car charging stations and LED fixtures were noted.

The committee discussed the ERC role in accountability and compliance to the Climate Adaptation Resiliency Plan.

Approval of ERC Meeting Minutes of 12/18/2019
The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Public Comments
None

Meeting Discussion
a) John Farrell and Pete Larkin attended the planning board meeting of 12/19/2019 and noted that the board will continue discussions on native vegetation requirement and tree protection ordinances.

b) Pete Larkin reviewed status of the application process to become a Tree City USA program member. The Town Council has approved for a member of the town staff to apply.

c) i) At this time there was no further progress on the ERC contacting other Brunswick County municipalities to discuss mutual environmental concerns.
ii) John and Don will attend the 1/16/2020 meeting of the Oak Island EAC.
iii) None of the ERC members will attend the 1/22/2020 meeting of the State Climate Change Interagency Council.

d) The opening to replace approved ERC member Sarah Ramsey will be maintained but not posted in the Brunswick Beacon. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply.

e) The town will hold a community meeting on January 25th from 10-1. As part of the agenda, the citizens of the town will be asked for topics that they wish the ERC to consider.

f) John Farrell stated that he had read the executive summary to the 2017 town Land Use Plan and found it to be a worthwhile resource and encouraged all ERC members to read it.

g) The ERC discussed topics from the Climate Change Mitigation Program that they would like to take action on. The members of the ERC should focus on researching and summarizing the information that will lead to a resolution of the tasks identified by the Town Council. Priority should be given to tasks where success is more quickly achievable in order to raise the stature of the ERC within the town.

h) Committee members discussed various types of design plans and available contacts that could be used to erect a rain garden next to Town Hall. Don Eggert will captain these efforts for the ERC.

Staff Comments
John Michaux and Todd Rademacher suggested that the best way to promote public outreach and education is to put as many projects into action as possible.

Todd will invite Mike Christianbury to an upcoming ERC meeting to discuss CAMA issues affecting our town.

Agenda Items for 2/19/2020
Don Eggert will give his update regarding progress on the development of the rain garden next to Town Hall.

Public Comments on ERC
None

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned by motion of Don Eggert, seconded by John Farrell. Motion passed 4-0.

Pete Larkin, Chairman

Submitted by:

Tim Kenney

Tim Kenney, Recording Secretary