

**Town of Sunset Beach  
Environmental Resource Committee (ERC) Meeting  
February 19, 2020**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Pete Larkin, Tim Kenney, and Don Eggert

**Members Absent:** John Farrell

**Staff Present:** John Michaux, Stormwater Manager; Todd Rademacher, Planning Director

**Council Members Present:** None

**Call to Order**

After determining a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

**Amendment and Approval of Draft Agenda. Motion to accept Agenda**

After a motion by Don Eggert that was seconded by Pete Larkin, the draft agenda was accepted by a three to zero vote.

**ERC Member Housekeeping Discussions**

There were no housekeeping items to discuss at this time.

**Approval of ERC Meeting Minutes of 1/15/2020**

The minutes were approved after a motion from Pete Larkin that was seconded by Tim Kenney by a vote of 3-0.

**Public Comments**

None

**Town's CAMA 2017 Land Use Plan**

a) The town is considering updating the 2017 Land Use Plan. It was determined that the ERC will await Town Council instructions prior to inviting Mike Christianbury for a presentation.

b) It was again encouraged that ERC members who have not read the plan, make themselves familiar with it.

**Meeting Discussion**

a) Pete Larkin attended the Town Council meeting and had the following updates concerning recycling programs and the 2020 council budget.

i) Pete reported that Town Staff did a financial review of overall recycling program costs. They reported that without the Town Staff doing all the administrative work for the program, a more accurate cost might be \$85 per household on the mainland and \$115 per household on the island.

ii) The Town Council might possibly consider a budget for the ERC going forward.

b) Todd Rademacher is working on the Tree City USA application at this time and has asked the Town Council to adopt a resolution for an Arbor Day Proclamation or celebration that is required for entrance into the Tree City USA Program.

c) Don Eggert and Todd Rademacher updated the committee on their visit to the Oak Island EAC meeting of 1/16/2020. They reported the following:

The Oak Island EAC has at this time, 10-12 members that break into subcommittees in order to discuss various environmental issues. Their primary focus is on public education that is accomplished through programs such as public outreach, having guest speakers on environmental topics, and using Tree City USA Grants to have tree plantings.

d) Pete Larkin reported that he attended the Sunset Beach Town Community meeting of 1/25/2020. He stated that the meeting was fairly well attended and two ERC items were discussed:

i) The reduction in use of single use plastics by businesses in the area. Pete is looking into the creation of a brochure educating the public on this topic.

ii) The alligator population. The ERC supports the police in their plan to relocate any alligators that require it versus generating a controlled hunt to reduce the population.

e) Don Eggert and John Michaux updated the committee on the construction of the demonstration rain garden on the west side of Town Hall. A student in environmental engineering will help with the design of the rain garden. Mark Bevins, Director of the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension, will provide staff to answer questions that may come up with the rain garden as well as the new parking lot project on the east side of Town Hall.

#### **Public Outreach and Education**

Todd and John suggested that gravel roads management, specifically material performance differences would be a good topic to further educate the citizens of Sunset Beach. Information concerning durability and storm water runoff as a function of cost to the Town would be included in the information provided.

#### **Agenda Items for 3/18/2020**

Pete will attend the upcoming Planning Board meeting in which the use of native plant species will be discussed among other topics. John Michaux will gather more information on paving materials and Todd will arrange a tour of the recycling plant in Jacksonville for the ERC members.

#### **Public Comments on ERC**

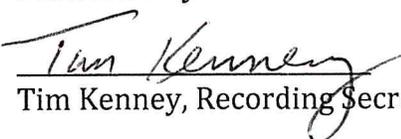
None

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Tim Kenney, seconded by Don Eggert. Motion passed 3-0.

  
Pete Larkin, Chairman

Submitted by:

  
Tim Kenney, Recording Secretary