

*KURE BEACH  
CITIZENS BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 1, 2006*

*The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall with the following in attendance:*

*Tom Barber, Chair  
Sandra Putman  
Dick Graham  
Tony Gonsalves*

*Priscilla Smith, Secretary  
Sandra Cox  
Michael Bledsoe  
Mac Montgomery, Liaison*

*The agenda for the meeting was adopted.*

*Tom has drawn up a letter, to be posted on [www.townofkurebeach.org](http://www.townofkurebeach.org) and the towns newsletter regarding the renourishment off shore site. By motion made and seconded, the committee voted to have Tom publish the letter.*

*A planned event will be an opportunity to walk the beaches with the mayors of both Kure Beach and Carolina Beach. There will also be a photo op.*

*A Dune Day in the spring is being planned to plant sea oats. This will take place several weeks after the Beach Clean-up date.*

***Old Business:** Priscilla Smith will record the minutes of the meetings, download them onto a disc and present them to Tom Barber for distribution.*

*New member, Christine Blish/Bell will take care of the photo album of the beach/dunes, etc.*

*The new printer was purchased and does an excellent job of printing the photos. We now have 63 photos of the beach.*

***New Business:** Obtaining the addresses of all the property owners in Kure Beach is an ongoing problem. Tom has been advised that the Microsoft Program ACCESS should be able to solve this problem. Work will continue to allow the committee to access the necessary information.*

*Tom had two Coastwatch books, obtained from Sea Grant at no cost; they are available to whoever would like to peruse them.*

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*Sea oats planting needs: Avenue E has an area that needs to be replanted with sea oats. The north side of E is in very poor condition. Committee members were reminded to keep a look out for any additional areas that could benefit from replanting.*

*Beach Fertilizer: David Nash has advised that this is not the time to fertilize. We should wait for next spring*

*Fertilizing was previously contracted to Don Carpenter. It cost approximately \$3300. per application. The fertilizer costs about \$75. per bag. We will require three bids from prospective companies to choose which one, or how we will arrange for this procedure.*

*Turtle next update. Sandy Putnam related that there are 9 nests and two have already hatched and the others are starting to sit and should be hatching soon.*

*Renourishment update. The first part of the program is to measure the beach, which has been completed. The area to be renourished is from Tenn. to Alabama then to Ocean Dunes. The estimated cost to renourish is \$3,150,000. The federal governments portion which is 65% of the total is coming from the emergency hurricane funding. The remaining 35% is divided up between the State, County and Kure Beach. NHC portion comes from the Room Occupancy Taxes, Kure Beach's amount is 2% of the 35%. It will run about \$22,000 and comes out of the approved town budget.*

*Sea oats plantings. Tom still needs to check out Carolina Beach facility. Discussion also ensued regarding what is needed to supply volunteers when we plant. It was agreed that we should supply bottles of water.*

*Fire Works. Christine found plastic fire-works containers on the beach after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Fire works used to be biodegradable paper, not plastic.*

*Beach Vitex: This plant is a problem to the dunes and the recommendation is to have it banned. It was agreed to request vitex be banned.*

*The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM. The next meeting will be Sept. 5, 2006 at 3:30PM in the town hall.*