

*KURE BEACH
CITIZENS BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 2, 2007*

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

*Tom Barber, Chair
Dick Graham
Tony Gonsalves
Sandy Cox*

*Priscilla Smith, Secretary
Sandy Putman
Christine Blish*

Also present, Chuck Keener, Liaison and Mac Montgomery

By motion made, seconded and carried the agenda was adopted with three additions.

Chair Barber advised that the program to generate letters to residents and property owners would be done on MS "mail merge" from work and xl files, not the Access Program. The present plan is to hire someone familiar with this system to generate the letters and addresses and then have the committee stuff and mail them out.

The renourishment program is proceeding extremely well; they should be in Kure Beach in late January.

Chair Barber is planning to present the Town Council with a letter regarding Beach Vitex, advising the need to eliminate the Vitex. The idea is to first identify the Beach Vitex, using color-coded bags, to dig up and dispose of the Vitex. The Property owners will be advised how to accomplish this and to notify Public Works for pick-up and proper disposal. Kure Beach presently has an ordinance regarding noxious weeds.

Chair Barber has talked with Carolina Beach about when they will be planting sea oats in their green house. They plan to do this in January and would appreciate volunteers to help. Dune Day will be when the sea oats are ready to be planted on the beach and will coincide with cleaning the litter off the dunes. A date has not yet been established, but will be after the renourishment. Obtaining an estimate on how much this project would cost the town is in the works.

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Dick Graham and Chris Blish have been working on the Beach Etiquette Environmental Statement with the assistance of Sandy Putnam. Dick has drawn up a list, which needs to be refined. After much discussion, the committee agreed with the revisions. Dick will present the list to Southern Signs for an estimate and will get back to the committee on the costs.

A request for fertilizer quotes will be in the Wilmington Star News. The quotes should be in my Feb. 1, 2007

During April, when Kure Beach will be celebrating their 60th anniversary, there will be many activities such as a Parade scheduled for March 31st, a 10 K race, Sand Castle Building Contests, etc.

Dick Graham will take the minutes of February and March's meeting.

The committee members are asked to review the new ordinance for handicapped wheelchair access to the beach. Please send any comments to Tom Barber.

By motion made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on February 6th at 3:30 PM at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Smith