

*KURE BEACH
CITIZENS BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE
February 5, 2008*

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

*Tom Barber, Superintendent
Phylis Mojzis
Dick Graham
Tony Gonsalves*

*Mike Bledsoe
Christine Blish/Bell
Nola Jackson
Sandy Cox*

*Also Attending: Jim Vatrt, Council Liaison,
Michelle James, Town Administrator
Dennis Cooper, Chief of Police
Chuck Keener, Chairman, SLAP Committee*

By motion made, seconded and carried the minutes of the January 2008 meeting was adopted, and the agenda for this meeting was approved.

Open Discussion items: *Most of this meeting was dedicated to an in-depth discussion concerning the existing beach ordinances, and possible new ones. Our committee has been reviewing the existing ordinances for accuracy, and looking into some new ones, as several of the beach communities similar to Kure Beach have been doing.*

Chief Cooper gave particular insight into the current town ordinances pertaining to the beach. He is concerned with enforcing new rules 24/7, 365 days a year.

Throughout the discussion, ideas on how we as a committee should proceed unfolded. Through education, the media, and possibly a second 'Beach Information Night', and sharing a booth at the upcoming Street Fair, our committee can make significant headway towards making the beach safer and cleaner for beachgoers. We already have several articles ready to be installed on the town web-site.

Chief Cooper and Michelle James listed our concerns and will present them to the Town Council at the meeting held on Wed. February 6th. They will approach Council about increasing patrols on the beach by a new part-time

Code Enforcement Officer, patrols by the KB Police, and the lifeguards. They will also look into the possibility of two electronic information signs that can get information to the public quickly.

Beach Town Cigarette Litter Prevention Program: *Kure Beach, Carolina Beach, Wrightsville Beach, and the New Hanover County 'Keep America Beautiful' Office have begun a new campaign to reduce cigarette butt litter on our beaches. " A small amount of money may be available for signs to discourage litter. Beach ashtrays are now available at the KB Town Hall receptionist office. The group is looking for sponsors to purchase pocket ashtrays costing approx. \$1 each. Minimum order is 2000, and takes 2-3 months to receive them.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at the Town Hall.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom Barber – Chairman
Attachments: 0*