

KURE BEACH

BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 13, 2012

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

Andy Barnard, Chair

Priscilla Smith, Secretary

Mike Bledsoe

Tony Gonsalves

Susan Walters

Also present: Chuck Keener, Counsel Liaison

John Batson, Bldg. Inspector

Dean Lambert, Mayor

Layton Bedsole, "Sandman" REM

Geri Simpson, Resident

Teresa Virgint, Resident

John Virgint, Resident

Al Woodall, Resident

By motion made, seconded and carried the Agenda for the November meeting were adopted.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Sandy update. The beach lost sand, sea oats, dunes and damaged several beach accesses due to the Sandy Hurricane. John reported that he has applied to FEMA for the permits required to repair the damaged accesses. As the State did not declare the beach as a disaster area there is no FEMA funds available for the repairs that are needed. The southern part of Kure Beach was the hardest hit and lost the most sand and plants.*
- 2. Beach Nourishment. John reported that the nourishment project should start within the next month. The bids have gone out and it seems that Weeks Marine will be doing the work. The nourishment should replace a fair portion of the lost sands, but the town will have to replace the lost sea oats.*
- 3. Sea Oats. We have been obtaining the sea oats plants from Carolina Beach, but Carolina Beach no long has the green house and we will have to find another place to obtain the needed plants. Mike reported that he can produce some sea oats and Andy noted that there is a green house at the Ocean Dunes complex that he might be able to grow plants for us. They will check further and report back to the committee on what else will be needed.*
- 4. Brochure. Phyllis and Kerry have been working on this project and it is now ready for the printers. We are waiting to see if the committee will be able to obtain the money from a proposed grant.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Lost sand. Layton Bedsole, who is the Shore Protection Coordinator spoke on the beach nourishment projects. In the past the Federal Government paid 65% and the State 35%*

of the cost. This year, due to the Corp of Engineers failure to include the wording that would have included Kure Beach as part of the area to be nourished we needed to find another way to obtain the funding. Carolina Beach has included Kure Beach in their program and found that there were funds available from the Room Tax program. This project is due to start shortly. Mr. Bedsole reported that the nourishment will start at President Davis road south to Howards Hill. He also noted that from the point of start and finish there will be a slope effect to merge the new sand with the existing sand. Mr. Bedsole also discussed the various types of procedures that might be possible, and the pros and cons of them, such as Structures, groins, bulkheads, and sand fences. The State of North Carolina does not allow bulkheads, but have agreed to 4 groins in the entire state. He also discussed the need to create our own plan for funding of future nourishment projects as it appears the Federal Government will probably phases out their participation. He also noted that the County appears ready to participate and to acquire the necessary permits instead of the Corp of Engineers. We thanked Mr. Bedsole for his input.

- b. The Committee is asked to present at the next meeting any ideas for project for 1213 and beyond.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:45PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5th instead of Tuesday December 4th. The change in date was requested by Priscilla Smith, who will not be able to attend the Tuesday date, the time remains at 3:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Smith