

BEACH PROTECTION COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 9, 2013

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

*Andy Barnard, Chair*

*Priscilla Smith, Secretary*

*Phyllis Mojzis, Co-Chair*

*Susan Walters*

*Tony Gonsalves*

*Mike Bledsoe*

*Kerry Garrigan*

*Also present:*

*Chuck Keener, Council Liaison*

*Patricia Edgecomb, Member applicant*

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

*By motion made, seconded and carried the Minutes for the September meeting were adopted.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Beach Issues: Susan brought up the problem with debris on the beach and who cleans it up. Tony stated that the Town, during the season, monitors the beach and removes debris, but he is not certain how it is handled during the off season.  
The problem of dogs on the beach and in the dunes was discussed. The majority of this problem is caused by residents.*
- 2. Sea Oats: Mike reported that the 2800 sea oats that were unused will be available and he does have a receipt for them. The committee decided that the best time to plant the sea oats will be next April.*
- 3. Keep America Beautiful beach clean-up. Susan reported the event was very successful. There were about 70 volunteers and they did a great job. UNCW asked if we would like their Honors Group to participate in our next sea oats planting. They would be available just prior to their exams which would be the second or third week in April.*
- 4. Beach Access Signage: Tony reported that some of the new signs were installed, but not in the manner the committee had requested. Tony has given Nancy Avery the information on how the signs should be installed and she will see what can be done. Several members reported that the new signs looked very nice. There was an ongoing discussion on the violations of dogs on the beach and in the dunes, and the fine for going into the dunes. Kerry will check on how much the trespassing on sand dune areas fine in Carolina Beach is.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Turtle nests in Kure Beach. This year we have twenty (20) nests and at this time 19 have hatched and the Turtle Committee is awaiting for the 20<sup>th</sup>. It should hatch any day now.*

- b. Cigarette butt container: Tony showed the committee the "Butt" container Carolina Beach has made and is using. He will relay this information to the Council for their input.*
- c. Prospective new member: Patricia Edgecomb has applied for a seat on the committee. She spoke with the committee regarding her interest in helping to maintain the quality of the beach. The committee advised that the open position is for the alternate member. She would need to attend all meetings but would only be able to vote if she is covering for a permanent member. By motion made, seconded and carried the Committee voted to welcome Pat as new member. Her application will be presented to Council at their next meeting.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:15PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM at the Town Hall.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Priscilla Smith*