

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN OF KURE BEACH STORMWATER COMMITTEE

The Kure Beach Stormwater Committee held a special meeting on November 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Chair, Tracy Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and a quorum of members was present.

Committee members present – Tracy Mitchell, Chair (Beachwalk), Patsy O'Reilly, Secretary (Seawatch), Michael Davenport (Kure Dunes), James Craig (Beachwalk, alternate), Russ Timmons (Keys), Jay Stuart (Kure Estates), Bob Cooil (KB Village). Staff members present: David Heglar – Commissioner, Jimmy Mesimer – Public Works Director.

PURPOSE OF MEETING – Discussion on a proposed stormwater plan to install a stormwater pipe along the west side of Settler's Lane.

HISTORY - Water is on a property then the streets, eventually into the ponds in Beachwalk, and then to the ditch that runs down K Ave. Discussed the request of Beachwalk HOA for a pipe to carry water from the ditch behind Settlers Lane to end up on K Ave. In the beginning, TKB told the HOA that they should fix it themselves without help from the town and then decided to have TKB handle it. MOTSU approval was needed to start, and an easement was needed. The town received MOTSU approval which probably took three years and then started with the engineering firm. Two years ago, funds were put into the budget to start engineering and then this year's budget funds were budgeted to start the project. We were close to starting this project and then the HOA had a meeting with the mayor to talk about this project. One of the things many citizens were surprised by was that MOTSU required an eight-foot fence if anything was being done. MOTSU's stance for security purposes is anytime we let anyone work on any of their properties anywhere they must put up a fence. When this came out at the HOA meeting, the citizens did not want a fence behind their houses. After the meeting, the mayor told them if they didn't want it, they would have to let TKB know this. HOA sent out a survey to all members of the HOA asking whether they wanted to proceed or not. HOA sent this to the Council and said we don't want to do this project. A few citizens still say they wanted it, so it was placed on the agenda for last month and then one of the commissioners did not want a decision made on it at that time and it was placed on the agenda for this month to decide on the project.

The current status is that we have stopped the project and aren't spending any money until the Council makes a decision. It is on the Council's agenda for Monday night for a decision. David will present information first that Jimmy has now on how much this is going to cost and what the HOA says with the survey that is going around and has been shared with counsel already and a call log. Many homeowners have protected their properties by diverting the water onto the street and many have built berms that haven't fixed their property, and a few are looking for the town to fix it. Many decided to nix the project because of the price and that they didn't have that much of a problem, and they had already mitigated the issues and only two wanted to move forward with the project. The price is now at \$741,000 with the fence. TKB has already spent \$40,000 although it also included a stormwater study. We looked at engineering drawings and either plan would work. It would need to have a drop of 1,000 feet dug for a pipe. The pipe will be backfilled and will have six storm drains.

MOTION: Michael Davenport made a motion that communication be made to the town that the stormwater committee has reviewed this, and we recommend that it is not funded.

Second: Jay Stuart

Vote – unanimous

MOTION- Michael Davenport made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

SECOND Jay Stuart

VOTE- Unanimous

The next meeting will be announced.

MINUTES APPROVED 12/9/24 - Patsy O'Reilly