



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board meeting

MEETING DATE September 4, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Ingrid Allen, Town Planner, Building Department

SUBJECT: 2023 Beachfront Property Evaluation: Discussion on educational outreach to residents

SUMMARY:

At the May 1, 2024 Board meeting, the Board discussed, at the direction of the Town Manager, educational outreach efforts to Town residents regarding the Beachfront Property Evaluation ("Evaluation") which was provided as part of the 2023 Beach Restoration Feasibility Study ("Study"). The Evaluation provides beach and dune observations and corresponding recommendations for each beachfront property in the Town. Consensus from the Board was to draft a letter to residents (see Attachment No. 1). Upon review of the draft letter by the Town Manager, he requested that staff revise the letter to include minor content and formatting changes (see Attachment No. 2). In addition, and at the request of the Board, the Town Manager agreed to hold an educational outreach event at the Town Library on November 12, 2024 whereby the Study's consultant (Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC) would present their Evaluation findings and discuss practical dune management and restoration efforts.

Previous hearing related to this subject matter:

April 16, 2024 Town Commission meeting - a presentation on the 2023 Beach Restoration Feasibility Study ("Study") was made by Douglas Mann, Lead Coastal Engineer, of Aptim Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC.

May 23, 2023 Town Commission meeting - the Commission approved a proposal from Aptim for an update to the 2013 Beach Restoration Feasibility Study (motion carried 5-0).

November 1, 2022 Town Commission meeting – Ms. Nikki Stansfield, Chair of the Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board (NRPAB), made a presentation to the Commission on the Board's Dune Management Informational Outreach efforts. In addition, the Town Commission discussed updating the 2013 Beach Restoration Feasibility Study.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1: Original draft letter received from Board.

Attachment No. 2: Revised draft letter prepared by staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board Discussion as necessary.