



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH AGENDA MEMORANDUM

MEETING TYPE: Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board meeting

MEETING DATE May 1, 2024

SUBMITTED BY: Ingrid Allen, Town Planner, Building Department

SUBJECT: 2023 Beach Restoration Feasibility Study: Discussion on educational outreach to residents

SUMMARY:

At the 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. Note that a video recording of the meeting is available on the Town’s website. The Study includes a site-specific Beachfront Property Evaluation which provides beach and dune observations and corresponding recommendations for each beachfront property (see appendix B of Study). While the Commission did not provide any specific direction to the Board on educational outreach of the Beachfront Property Evaluations to residents, the Town Manager has indicated that such outreach efforts should be pursued by the Board in the form of communication strategies or a plan (e.g. letter, email, etc.). Given the latter, the item has been placed on the Board’s agenda for discussion.

Previous hearing related to this subject matter:

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:

2023 Beach Feasibility Study.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board Discussion as necessary.