

Town of North Topsail Beach Beach, Inlet, and Sound Advisory Committee

To: NTB Board of Aldermen

Subject: BISAC Monthly Meeting Report

From: Larry Strother, Chair

Date: January 16, 2024

Manager's Update. Manager Derian, ex officio, updated the committee on the status of the shoreline projects.

The contractor is continuing to work on the Phase 5 project. The contractor reported that the 421- sand production is slower than normal due to delayed expansion permitting. The Town still expects to receive the 290,000 Cubic Yards which were contracted. The slowed production of beach compatible sand has affected progress; however, it is the Town's expectation that the contractor will complete the project by the end of the current environmental permitting window which ends on April 30th.

The crossover at Oyster Lane has been repaired from recent storms and was reopened on January 9th and faired well during the most recent storm. The Town's engineers were asked to complete a survey of the beach conditions following the most recent storm. There is some change but no as bad as the previous one as it did not reach as far inland. Marina Way and other hot spots were brought up to the engineer to assess and to recommend any action.

Member Benson asked Manager Derian about the Beach Vitex grant. After much conversation about what Vitex is and does to the beach, Manager Derian reported the the three (3) Towns discussed a coordination strategy as to who is going to apply for the grant and apparently all three will apply. She advised that for sure we are and it is our plan to proceed.

Committee Organization-Terms Ending-Process for reappointment to BISAC

Member Benson discussed the revised Rules of Procedure that were passed by the BOA for committees at their last meeting. The three members whose terms are expiring were advised that if they want to be considered for reappointment they need to reapply through the Town's website.

2024 Meeting Schedule

The Committee agreed that we will continue meeting the third Tuesday of every month through June. We discussed meeting bi-monthly but tabled that decision until our June meeting.



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CSDM fund opportunity

Member Benson said he thought it would be good for the committee to discuss some possibilities for the CSDM fund. We had a fairly severe storm with dune erosion. We might consider once we get the engineers survey, using some of our un-earmarked funds in Fund 30 beach fund to possibly apply for a CSDM grant to work on those sections of the dunes that were pretty severely damaged. We opened it up for discussion.

Several members had conversations about specific issues that we agreed would need to be discussed with our engineer. The Committee members discussed the grants process.

Proposed Five Year Action Plan and Thirty Year Plan

The committee had conversations about the Plan and the progress that had been made and our next step. We agreed that Chris Gibson's Plan, with what he has prepared, presented and proposed was ready to be presented to the Board of Aldermen for their review and consideration.

Chair Strother led a overall review of the proposed plans and we further discussed.

A motion was made and seconded to move this presentation and discussion to the Board of Aldermen and have Chris Gibson from TI Coastal present and answer any questions. It was unanimously approved.

Manager Derian was asked to please put it on the February BOA meeting agenda.

No Public Comments

The next BISAC meeting is Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 10:30