

**Southern Shores Library Committee
September 2021**

TIMELINE

- 2019 November SS Library Committee inaugurated by the Town.**
- December Committee meets. Guest speaker, County Librarian
Jonathon Wark.
Jonathon W. In favor of North Beach Branch, so long
as it does not impact present Library Budget.**
- 2020 January Committee explores feasibility
Searches for premises.
Develops Capital Budget and Operational Budget.**
- February Committee puts together Questionnaire and sends
to all residents of Kitty, Hawk, Southern Shores and Duck.
Response to Questionnaire is substantial.
Majority of responses very positive. A pie diagram evolves.**
- March. Suitable premises on Juniper Trail are offered by Towne Bank.
To cost \$1.00 per year.
Jonathon Wark visits premises and gives details of Library
requirements. for compliance with protocols.
Also states that Book and computer upfit will cost +/-150,000.
Representatives of the Committee made presentations to the
Towns of Kitty Hawk ,Southern Shores and Duck asking for
their support. Southern Shores and Duck were supportive.**
- April Committee makes presentation to Dare County Commissioners
with slide show and brochure showing results of questionnaire,
budgets and picture of premises.
Commissioners ask Librarian Jonathon Wark to give them a
Budget proposal for operating a Southern Shores branch.
Jonathon W. indicated informally to the committee that this was
about \$175,000, in line with the estimate of the Committee.
(The Committee discovered later that this was never presented to
the Commissioners)**
- MAY Representatives of the Committee went to the scheduled County
Commissioners meeting. It had been cancelled because of Covid
19 issues. Dare County became focused on containment of Covid.
Meetings and activities of the Committee were put on hold.**

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2021 July The Committee reconvened.

The Towne Bank continuing offer of premises was confirmed. Jonathon Wark came to the Meeting and confirmed his support providing new costs did not affect the present library budget. The Committee asked for names and contact information for both the Dare County Library Board and the Dare County Library Foundation. After some time, he provided names only. The Committee learned that there were several vacancies on the DC Library Board. Two members of the Committee timely applied for appointment to the DC Library Board.

The Lib'y Committee presented an update report to the TOS Shores. Representatives of the Committee also presented an update to the Dare County Commissioners during Public comment time, confirming the continuity of the Towne Bank offer of premises.

There was no response of any kind to the July County presentation. In the meantime, the SSh Lib. Comm. had identified opportunities for grant funds to enable construction compliance and book collection set up. Application and receipt of a grant required a non profit 501(c)3 entity to be the sponsor. The Dare Library Foundation, a 501(c)3, was the appropriate entity.

August S. Sh. Lib Committee members who had applied for appointment to the Library Board, enquired of the County Librarian as to the status. Jonathon Wark told them that he had not had time to address the matter of appointments to the Board. He provided information as to members of the two boards but not contact information. The Secretary of the SS Library Committee requested Dare County Clerk to the Commissioners, Cheryl Anby, for contact information for the current members of the Library Board and Foundation. This was refused on the grounds that it confidential. Considering contact with the Board and Foundation vital to the progress for grant funding of a Northern Beach Library Branch , the Secretary of the Committee was able to obtain contact formation from elsewhere for the two Boards. The Chairman of the Library Foundation lives in Southern Shores. Repeated attempts by phone and email got no response. The Committee decided to and sent regular US mail letters to the County Librarian, the chairman of the Library Boar and Library Foundation and the County Commissioner assigned to the Library Board requesting a presentation at their October meeting.

September As of September 22, no acknowledgement, no response, from any.

