

**MINUTES OF THE Shore Protection Board
HELD ON THURSDAY, May 14, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Shore Protection Board was called to order on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 9:05 a.m. in Town Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chairman, E. Llwyd Ecclestone, Vice Chair, Pat Cooper, Mr. Kane Baker, Mr. Gerald Frank, Mr. Lee David Goldstein, and Mr. Lewis Katz. Mr. Richard Raffo was absent.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Ecclestone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Frank, seconded by Vice Chair Cooper, and unanimously approved.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2015 AND FEBRUARY 26, 2015 MEETINGS

Motion to approve the February 26, 2015 meeting minutes was made by Mr. Frank, seconded by Vice Chair Cooper, all were in favor. The January 30, 2015 minutes will be ready for approval at the October meeting.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Baker recommended that the board receive updates with a concentrated summary of how the Sand Transfer Plant is doing each time the SPB meets and during the months in between the next Shore Protection Board meeting. All agreed.

Chairman Ecclestone stated that he was very pleased with the dredged sand that was placed on the beach by the contractors at Reach 2.

Chairman Ecclestone made a motion to the board to thank Rob Weber and Paul Brazil for the excellent job they've done overseeing the Shoreline Re-nourishment project this year. Vice Chair Cooper seconded the motion. All were in favor.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS 3 MINUTE LIMIT PLEASE

No comments were made by the citizens.

VIII. CURRENT SHORELINE CONDITION

[Robert Weber, Coastal Coordinator]

Rob Weber gave a PowerPoint presentation that included a series of photographs of the current shoreline condition and how it looked compared to the May 2014 and February 2015 shoreline condition.

Paul Brazil presented a map that indicated the areas of each reach where the sand was sampled and taken to a lab.

Robert Weber presented samples of offshore sand taken from the Palm Beach reaches along with samples of offshore sand from the beaches of Jupiter, Boca Raton, Delray and Ocean Ridge for quality comparison.

IX. COASTAL PROTECTION PROJECTS UPDATE

[Robert Weber, Coastal Coordinator]

Robert Weber gave a brief update of the ongoing activities for the Coastal Management Plan.

**X. RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING THE
PROPOSED FY 2016 COASTAL MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM BUDGET [Robert Weber, Coastal Coordinator]**

Time 5:30

Robert Weber presented the Adopted 10 Year Coastal Management Program Budget and the notable projects included in the budget to the Shore Protection Board so they can provide recommendations to the Town Council for their consideration for the FY16 Budget.

Mr. Baker asked the staff why the Town is responsible for replacing the old groins that were never owned by the Town to begin with. Mr. Brazil responded that it is a policy decision for the Town Council.

A conversation ensued about the issues and costs for replacing the groins.

Town Manager, Thomas G. Bradford recommended that the Town reach out to the new County administrator for possible funding.

The staff and the Shore Protection Board continued its discussion about the projects listed

in the budget and the possible costs.

Mr. Goldstein made a motion to approve the proposed FY16 Coastal Management Budget. Mr. Frank seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Ecclestone stated that when the Town meets with the new County Administrator that they bring up the fact that the Town's public beaches are enjoyed by County residents, not just Town residents. He also stated that the Town should discuss TDC money that's owed to the Town since the County oversees those reimbursements.

XI. DISCUSSION REGARDING RESPONSES BY TOWN STAFF TO INQUIRIES AND DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY OTHERS

[H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works]

Time: 48:37

Mr. Brazil mentioned the decision that was made and agreed upon by the Shore Protection Board in a previous meeting that would allow Town staff to hire an existing consultant in order to assist the staff with responding to the large number of written inquiries that the Town was receiving in response to a report from Karyn Erickson of Erickson Consulting Engineering Services, Members of S.O.S., and Eubanks, P.A. that criticized the Town's sand placement project at mid-town beach so that the Town could respond in a timely fashion. Mr. Brazil also pointed out that more inquiries are coming in and the staff needs direction on how to handle these inquiries in the future.

Penny L. Cutt, a consultant from Coastal Systems International, Inc. (CSI) provided a verbal report on a set of responses to the numerous and redundant inquiries that were submitted by the public regarding the sand placement project at Mid-Town.

Chairman Ecclestone commented that the Town should be reimbursed for the use of the CSI and that he doesn't think it's right that Mr. Weber has to work overtime to address the volume of criticisms that were generated from Ms. Erickson's report.

Mr. Goldstein echoed the Chairman's comments and asked the staff what the Town's obligation is to answer the volume of letters and emails.

Town Manager, Mr. Bradford answered that there is no legal obligation to answer each and every question or criticism but the Town historically has prided itself on being very responsive to questions from the general public. He also added that discretion must be used so the time used for responses to the public doesn't negatively impact work and priorities.

A discussion ensued about the costs involved for retaining CSI's services and the abuse of the Town staff's time to address the repetitive requests for information that resulted from Erickson Consulting Engineering Services' criticisms about the sand placement for Reach 7.

Chairman Ecclestone and Mr. Bradford recommended that the Town put together a logical response to redundant requests for information and present it to the Town Council for their blessing. The response would include that the requestor would have to pay up front in order to receive the information in a timely manner.

XII. DUNE PLANTING DISCUSSION

[Robert Weber, Coastal Coordinator]

A discussion ensued about the dune planting and sea oats following a beach nourishment project and possible mitigation in the event of a storm.

XIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Ecclestone adjourned the May 14, 2015, Shore Protection Board meeting at 12:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



E. Llwyd Ecclestone
Chairman