

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Shore Protection Board was called to order at 10:35 A.M. on Thursday, November 12, 1998 in the Town Council Chambers.

II. ROLL CALL

On roll call the following Shore Protection Board Members were found to be in attendance: Chairman Garrison D. Lickle, Vice Chairman George M. Moffett, II, Board Members Eileen C. Curran, Wayne F. Dimm, Charles C. Isiminger, Gerald H. Levy, Joel Martino, and Richard Raffo. Board Member Edward Hennessy, Jr., was absent from the meeting. Others in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting included: Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management Engineering Assistant Bob Clinger, and Kate Gooderham of Gooderham & Associates. Staff members in attendance from the Town of Palm Beach were Assistant Town Manager Peter Elwell, Public Works Director Al Dusey, and Deputy Town Clerk Susan Eichhorn.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as printed.

IV. REPORT OF THE SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 1998

The Report of the Shore Protection Board Meeting held on June 25, 1998, was unanimously approved through motion of Vice Chairman Moffett, seconded by Board Member Dimm.

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**V. REPORT OF THE SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETING HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 17, 1998**

The Report of the Shore Protection Board Meeting held on September 17, 1998, was unanimously approved through motion of Vice Chairman Moffett, seconded by Board Member Dimm.

**VI. DISCUSSION WITH KATHRYN GOODERHAM REGARDING PROPOSED
PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Chairman Lickle explained that any remaining comments on the Layman's Report would be heard today, and Ms. Gooderham would give an update on the public education program progress.

Comments were received from the Shore Protection Board members regarding the Layman's Report.

Mr. Martino advised that he had spoken with Ms. Gooderham and given her a note concerning clarification that although the plan contributed to safety, it did not *ensure* safety, and that inclusion of language to that effect would be prudent in all public risk disclosure statements.

Mr. Levy noted that the protection of seawalls, if done properly, would automatically protect property and people, which could also be stated in public documents.

Mrs. Curran commented that she would like language included that indicated Palm Beach island was a barrier island, and that property could be protected through certain methods, with citations as to locations where that had been proven. She suggested emphasizing the sequence in which reaches would be done, and that people would also need to understand that funding was not based on federal/state grants because this was an immediate need. In addition, she commented that examples of funding with Federal/State reimbursement for a regional approach could be included.

Mr. Elwell commented that any statement regarding funding should be very cautious concerning mention of Federal funding, as there was not genuine optimism there, however, State/County funding was a more likely source of funding assistance.

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Kate Gooderham noted that the Layman's Report that she was preparing was a base document that would be for the Shore Protection Board, and the Town Council. There would be opportunities for other people to have it, however, it was not meant for the whole community to read. It was to be used as a source of information in preparing other materials; it was not something that 99% of the people in Palm Beach would ever read by choice. The Executive Summary of the document would be more widely distributed.

Mr. Moffett commented that he was confused regarding the 15 year and 30 year figures quoted in the report.

Mr. Dusey explained that there were two different issues: there was a 15-year storm protection, and ATM had considered a 30-year life cycle of the project.

Mr. Lickle further explained that one issue was a payment issue, and the other was design criteria.

Mr. Moffett commented that the chain of events up to this point should be recognized with all references cited, such as in a bibliography.

Mr. Dimm referred to page 5 of the Gooderham Layman's Report, commenting that the "Beach Chief" contemplated must be a scientific/engineering person, and suggested that the name be changed to "Director of Coastal Resources," as that title implied a concern with development, economics, and growth. He stated that he thought the Director of Coastal Resources could be the key to the success of the whole program, as so many elements would be pulled together through the person in this position.

Chairman Lickle agreed that the position should be re-titled as "Director of Coastal Resources," which would be described in the document provided by Ms. Gooderham. He explained that if the project was approved, the Shore Protection Board would reconvene and strongly recommend that the position be filled.

Mr. Moffett recommended that there simply be a statement included that the program would need strong, effective management, with a position created to manage the day-to-day implementation of the project.

Chairman Lickle suggested that terms such as "island sediment" be replaced by simpler terms for processing by the layman. In addition, he recommended that footnotes be added to identify the source of a statement made in the report. He also suggested that the pictorial display in an engineering report of Harvey Sasso be considered for possible inclusion into the report.

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Ms. Gooderham replied that it would need to come from ATM, as she would feel very uncomfortable calling an engineer who was not hired for a job to ask that his work be used in the report.

Chairman Lickle responded that he would bring it up with Dave Decker of ATM, after which time Ms. Gooderham could determine if it would fit in with the report.

Discussion took place regarding an appropriate title for the Layman's Report being prepared by Ms. Gooderham, without any final determination on this question.

Mr. Elwell commented that it was essential that the project be considered an inlet to inlet program, and that what was happening at the Lake Worth Inlet should be considered an important part of the project, and that the Lake Worth Inlet Management Plan should be incorporated as a source document.

Chairman Lickle commented that the funding for the improvement to the Sand Transfer Plant needed to be clarified to point out that funding had been provided by the Federal government.

Ms. Gooderham reported that she had spoken to the members of the Shore Protection Board, as well as a number of other people in the community, such as Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, and various business associations.

Mr. Raffo expressed concern about the time element in the long term re-building of the beaches, and suggested that the project should be stressed as a continuous 2-3 year project, with the beaches needing the most work being done first.

Chairman Lickle pointed out that Dave Decker of ATM had advised that with the issues of permitting, mobilization, demobilization, and sand source studies, it would be unrealistic to expect everything to be in place in a short time, however, he agreed it would be wise to move forward in an expeditious manner.

Mr. Elwell noted that it was important to keep in mind that the specific design of each project would determine the sequence of sand versus groins. The engineers would determine that on a case by case basis as they worked through the plan.

Ms. Gooderham explained that she would like to get two newsletters out, in February and May, to catch the public up to date, detailing what the Shore Protection Board had been doing, what was going on at the Sand Transfer Plant, etc. Over the summer, she would prepare materials for the education of the public on the project. Early in the Fall meetings could take place with business

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groups, the newsletter process would be continued, and super efforts would be exerted in December and January.

Mr. Moffett suggested that the media be asked to attend informational meetings so that a two-way exchange could be held.

Mr. Elwell commented that the ideas being discussed today would not become authorized for action until the Town Council acted on them. Ms. Gooderham would be providing a specific proposal, which the Shore Protection Board would recommend for consideration by the Town Council. Currently, Ms. Gooderham had the authority to finish the Layman's Report and develop a public relations plan, which would be reviewed at the Shore Protection Board meeting to be held on December 28, 1998.

Mr. Elwell clarified that the deadline of December 15, 1998 was set for receipt of the final revision of the Layman's Report, and the revised, detailed strategic plan for the public education program, to be considered at the meeting to be held on December 28, 1998.

Chairman Lickle suggested that the Town Council could be presented with the documents on January 12, 1999, advising them that the Shore Protection Board had not yet met to review them in detail, and would report back to make specific recommendations. He suggested that public workshops could then be held that would be dedicated to discussion.

Mr. Elwell responded that the Town Council may not want to authorize bits and pieces of the program, but would like to have a recommendation concerning the overall program.

After discussion, it was determined that Ms. Gooderham would have an outline or draft of the strategic plan for presentation to the Shore Protection Board Meeting to be held on December 28, 1998.

Mr. Lickle clarified that the Shore Protection Board members could react to the draft at the meeting, give comments or suggestion, with workshops being held afterwards for further discussion with the Town Council. He noted that the January 12, 1999 Town Council would include an overall presentation by Dave Decker concerning the Comprehensive Coastal Management Plan report, the overall presentation by Kate Gooderham as to the documents she had prepared, as well as the strategic plan, and the recommendation that special workshops be held with the Town Council so that they would then be in the position to cast a formal vote on the entire package.

Mr. Elwell suggested that the Shore Protection Board may want to request that a Special Town Council Meeting be set at the December 8, 1998, Town Council Meeting for sometime in

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January, rather than trying to hear the recommendations of the Shore Protection Board at the January 12, 1999 Town Council Meeting.

Chairman Lickle agreed with the suggestion, as did the entire Shore Protection Board.

Mr. Elwell then clarified that the Town Council would be asked at the December 8, 1998 Town Council Meeting to set a Special Town Council Meeting for some date after January 12, 1999, to hear the recommendations of the Shore Protection Board. The Layman's Report and Executive Summary were expected to be delivered by Kate Gooderham by December 15, 1998. On December 28, 1998, the Shore Protection Board would meet to consider the Layman's Report and Executive Summary, and would receive and give initial consideration to the strategic plan/public education program. Also, on December 28, 1998, the Shore Protection Board would attempt to make its full, final recommendations on the whole program. The actions taken by the Shore Protection Board on December 28th would be considered by the Town Council at the Special Town Council Meeting.

VII. REMINDER: THE NEXT SHORE PROTECTION BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1998, AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE SOUTH FIRE-RESCUE STATION

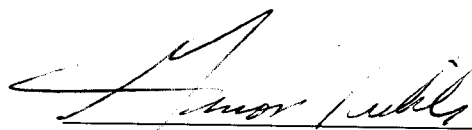
The Shore Protection Board was reminded of the next meeting to be held on December 28, 1998, at 1:00 P.M. at the South Fire-Rescue Station.

VIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 P.M.


Garrison D. Lickle, Chairman

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MEMBERS

	1/21	2/17	3/17	4/21	6/25	9/17	10/29	11/12	
Chairman GARRISON duP. LICKLE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Vice Chairman GEORGE M. MOFFETT, II	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
EILEEN C. CURRAN	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	
WAYNE F. DIMM	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	
EDWARD HENNESSY, JR.	P	P	P	A	A	A	A	A	
CHARLES C. ISIMINGER*	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	
GERALD H. LEVY	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	
JOEL MARTINO	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	
RICHARD RAFFO	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P	

LEGEND: P = present
A = absent
*Non-voting member