

Beach Advisory Committee Meeting

July 27, 2015

Draft Minutes

Handouts: Agenda July 27, 2015

Background Materials from Save the Dunes and Beaches Foundation

Marjorie Kuhn brought treats, including Tate's cookies

1. The meeting was opened by Mayor Peter Satorius, who introduced the committee members. Reading material was given to him by both the Save the Dunes and Beaches members (who brought binders of the materials for all members) and the Concerned Citizens. The Mayor stated that the Concerned Citizens of Quogue had suggested the formation of an advisory committee and that he felt it was a good idea for the village. The Mayor summarized the history of beach replenishment activities in the village. He stated that the catalyst was the storm in 2009, which lasted for three days. After the storm, the Save and Dunes and Beaches foundation paid for permit applications to DEC in 2011. In 2011, First Coastal (with Coastal Sciences as a subcontract) was hired to prepare a feasibility study and permit applications. The Mayor stated that some of the material in the permit application had been distributed to the committee by e-mail and the rest was available in the village office. In 2013, the DEC issued a null declaration on the application, but in response to comments submitted to the DEC took two actions: 1) a letter which summarized the issues and questions in the letters was sent to the village for response, 2) the DEC decided to hold a public hearing to gather additional comments. A response to the DEC letter which was composed by First Coastal and approved by the Mayor was sent to the DEC in April 2014. The public hearing is scheduled for August 10, 201. The Mayor requested that the committee members attend the hearing. The mayor concluded by stating that he felt it was in the best interests of the village to have the DEC permit in place even if the village does not decide to proceed with the project. He also believed that it was possible to get a modification for the permit if the final project design differs from the feasibility study.
2. The committee members had several questions and discussion about the project and the committee's role.
 - a. What are the roles of ACE, DEC, First Coastal, and Coastal Sciences on the project?
 - b. What is the timeline for the project?
 - c. Will replenishment be necessary?
 - d. What is the status of the monitoring program? (The Mayor stated that Coastal Sciences had recently completed a survey and Marjorie Kuhn stated that the results should be available soon)
 - e. SDBF summarized the proposed project. It has three reaches. The reaches were determined by First Coastal to have different amounts of erosion, with the severity increasing from west to east. First Coastal has calculated that there is a sand deficit of 1.1 million cubic yards. The project is designed by First Coastal to last 10 years, but

there is no guarantee. SDBF stated that if the project were to be wiped out in a storm, that FEMA would provide funds to rebuild it. The mayor was less certain that this was the case. SDBF also stated that the project would increase protection during storms.

- f. Terry Young questioned as to whether the project could meet these objectives. He stated that coordination of projects beyond the village would be important to the success of any project.
 - g. The committee decided that it would bring in outside experts to provide additional information on the project. Experts from the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences were mentioned as possible candidates.
 - h. Kitric Motz suggested that a way for the committee to proceed was to settle on problem, list the facts, what is controversial, what is agreed, then make focus on what we disagree on.
 - i. The mayor stated he would ideally like the committee to reach a consensus or majority view. He doesn't believe a long technical report is possible. He would like the report done by early 2016
 - j. The mayor would like the committee to select a chair and an (acting) secretary.
 - k. The next meeting is August 24, 2015.
3. Action Items
- a. The mayor will establish a drop box for the committee to share documents.
 - b. Bill Horak will deposit the National Academies 2014 study on coastal and two page summary in the drop box.
 - c. Committee members should attend the DEC hearing on August 10, 2016 if possible.