

Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission June 2010 Report

The TISPC held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 25th at the Topsail Beach Town Hall.

Upcoming Meetings:

Board of Realtors will be having Spenser Rogers address them group on 6/22 at 11am in The Surf City Visitors Center.

Next regular TISPC Meeting to be held on 7/27 in North Topsail Beach Town Hall.

Tom Reeder of the Division of Water Resources addressed the TISPC. He broke the bad news about the State running out of funding and that there will not be a lot if any money for beach related projects.

The Marlow & Co. update entailed the support of Senator Kay Hagan for both Federal Projects in an upcoming WRDA'10.

The Commission is examining the possibility of making a presentation at the 4 Towns Meeting, for informational purposes - regionalization is very important.

Ken Willson of CP&E drafted a letter to MMS. The purpose is to ensure that there is standardization in offshore operations for all industries and not single out sand projects.

Harry Simmons of NCBIWA sent a letter for Towns, HOAs and individuals to forward to their State leadership indicating support of terminal groins for inlet stabilization. A trip to Speaker Hackney's office is scheduled for 1 June 2010. Onslow County passes a resolution in support of terminal groins.

NTB is in the process of holding informational meetings to educate the citizens and property owners about engineered beach projects and their associated costs. The subsequent meeting is to be on 6/22 at 9am in NTB Town Hall. After the final meeting in July, the town will be sending out a survey of property owners to ascertain support.

NTB's private project permit remains on schedule for July timeframe. DCM is in the process of setting up and performing a subaquatic vegetation study - this is a new caveat.

TB's project is looking to obtain a modification in their permit to change the source of their sand. They seem to think this will be uncomplicated.

Regarding the SC/NTB Federal Project, there has been an edict from Corps HQ that they would prefer to see a 6 year renourishment schedule. Jan Broadmerckel of the Wilmington District plans to stand firm that 4 years is the preferred time schedule. A new interlocal contract is also needed between SC and NTB come August.

The Towns are participating in Harry Simmons' effort to obtain a state lobbyist. Funds have been committed.

Submitted by Alderman Deborah Lanci, NTB