

Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission August 2010 Report

The TISPC met for the regular meeting at the North Topsail Beach Town Hall Meeting Room on July 27th at 2:00 p.m. Chairman Curley updated the members on the efforts made by Marlowe and Company. He said that they will be sending a suggested letter to the Towns to send on to our House members to support WRDA (NTB sent their letter to Representative McIntyre on 7/28). The members discussed the possibility of having outside people come to make presentations at the Four Town Meetings. Mr. Foster suggested having Doug Huggett from CAMA to do a presentation on permitting and having the LGC to talk about financing. The members discussed the presentation that was made by Spencer Rogers. They were very pleased with the presentation. There was discussion about the possibility of TISPC getting a lobbyist to focus on the State to help us work on State issues like terminal groins and BIMP (Beach Inlet Management Program). TISPC will be discussing this further at their next meeting.

Topsail Beach and North Topsail Beach updated the members on their local projects. Mr. Foster reported that the NTB has completed their last public information meeting on beach nourishment. He reported that the Town received its CAMA permit for their project. He reported that the Board of Aldermen attended a presentation by Kara Millonzi from the School of Government on special assessment districts, which may have some promise. Topsail Beach reported that Ms. Millonzi also visited their Board to present on the financing of beach nourishment projects in general. The temporary easement requests for their project went out to property owners. Their interim project will include receiving 900,000 cubic yards of sand. The engineer for the project has designed it to where the amount of sand will vary for the properties in order to place sand in a straight line to better help protect against erosion. Their Federal project will be right on the heels of their interim project and they will soon start on their negotiations on the partnership agreement. They need one more access and they are still figuring out the cash flow.

Representatives from NTB and Surf City will be presenting to the Civil Works Review Board on August 26th for the Surf City/NTB Federal project. Steve Foster and Mike Moore will be working on a joint presentation. They are still trying to get the project on WRDA.

The next regular meeting will be on August 24, 2010 at 2:00 at Surf City Town Hall.

Carin Faulkner, Town Clerk