

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2013
2:00 p.m.**

Mayor Walter B. Goodenough called the May 9, 2013 meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a moment of silence. Commissioners present: Joseph Przywara, John Russo, Bill Brennan, Joyce Dunn and Greg Davis. Also present: Mike Hargett; Town Administrator, Nicole Marks; Town Clerk and Julie Munday; Finance Director

Absent: Chuck Riggins, Building Inspector.

Approval of Agenda:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2013 MEETING AGENDA. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Gere Dale, 46 Calabash Dr. – Mr. Dale said he was in favor of the composting pilot program. Mr. Dale said he had an opportunity to speak with the Recycle Chairman of Brunswick County and also a gentleman in Raleigh regarding composting. Mr. Dale said he took pictures at the landfill last week of the raw composting pile. Mr. Dale said they don't segregate the material. Mr. Dale said they let the pile generate heat, periodically bring in a grinder, grind the material, put it in rows and turn it periodically. Mr. Dale said it's the blackest material he has ever seen. Mr. Dale recommended to the Board that they hold off on the composting because there are a lot of things that need to be ascertained such as space, what size of grinder and a state permit. Mr. Dale asked the Board to let him have a month or two to run with the project and turn the necessary answers over to the Board. Mr. Dale feels they are spinning their wheels by trying to separate the material and it's not necessary if you're going to grind the material. Mr. Dale said he is not trying to "rock the boat" on this project as he feels it's a wonderful project. Mr. Dale said there may be grants available and asked the Board to consider his recommendation.

Consent Agenda:

COMMISSIONER DUNN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- April 1, 2013, BOC Pre-Agenda Meeting Minutes
- April 4, 2013 BOC Regular Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Ordinance Appropriating \$9,072.00 in Powell Bill Funds to Capital Fund:

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$9,072.00 IN POWELL BILL FUNDS TO CAPITAL FUND. COMMISSIONER RUSSO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSIONER DUNN MADE A MOTION TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$9,072.00 IN POWELL BILL FUNDS TO CAPITAL FUND. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Hearing: 2013-14 Recommended Budget:

COMMISSIONER DUNN MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

There were no public comments on the Public Hearing for the 2013-14 Recommended Budget.

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RETURN BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. COMMISSIONER RUSSO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE 2013-14 RECOMMENDED BUDGET. COMMISSIONER DUNN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town Administrator Report:

- Mr. Hargett thanked the Board of Commissioners for their approval of the first reading of the 2013-14 recommended budget. The final adoption of the 2013-14 budget will be done at the Board of Commissioners June, 2013 meeting.

- The Carolina Shores POA is working towards approval of the agreement on mowing services. Staff has been working to fine tune the agreement. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until next month to vote on the final agreement when they have it in hand.

Communication Committee Report:

No report given as the meeting was cancelled.

HOA/POA Committee Report:

Mrs. Sharon Conway gave the HOA/POA Committee Report. Mrs. Conway said that Commissioner John Russo and Mike Hargett, Town Administrator discussed Emergency Management and what the responsibilities of the Town and County are. Mrs. Conway said that Beacon Townes is concerned about solicitation in their community and having flyers lying around when people are not there. Mrs. Conway said that Carolina Shores is concerned about the removal of the stumps at the Golf Course and what will transpire when Phase Two expires. The Farm is still concerned about the street signs and understands that there are current negotiations with the builder. Mrs. Conway said the Farm is still concerned about overnight parking and understands that the POA can still enforce regulations. Mrs. Conway said that Calabash Lakes has people moving in and wanted to know what other communities do to welcome new residents. Mrs. Conway said that at Lighthouse Cove they are still concerned about standing water in the ditch and it was Member Mandy Pope's last meeting as she is leaving the area. Mrs. Conway said the Village had no representation at the meeting. Mrs. Conway said that under New Business the committee discussed the ideas from the public meeting regarding the plans for the Town's birthday celebration and the committee was willing to help.

Commissioner Russo left the meeting at 1:20 pm.

Tree Advisory Committee Report:

Mr. George Mulcahy gave the Tree Advisory Committee Report. Mr. Mulcahy said the committee members are: himself, Jim Meyer, John Russo, Harry Keating and Tristan Mardall. Mr. Mulcahy said that at the January 23, 2013 meeting, he was elected Chairperson and Jim Meyer was elected as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Mulcahy said at the committee meeting on April 24, 2013 the committee agreed to contact the NC Forestry Service, the NC Agricultural Extension Service and other resources for consulting assistance with assessing the current status of the town's tree resources and developing recommendations for management policies. These policies could translate to guidelines for proper care of the town's tree resources and updated criteria for tree removal permitting. Mr. Mulcahy said the committee agreed to assist the Public Works Department in designing a pilot program for composting to see if it was feasible for the town. The committee will report the findings of the pilot program to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Mulcahy said that the committee approved two lists of plants for use by the Building Inspector to review Landscape Plans. The list emphasizes the use of native vegetation.

Calabash EMS Liaison Report:

Report placed in the Board of Commissioners Workshop meeting packet.

Mayor and Commissioner Comments:

Mayor Goodenough – Mayor Goodenough said he appreciates the staff’s hard work on creating the 2013-14 Recommended Budget and it is truly a piece of work.

Commissioner Dunn - Commissioner Dunn asked Bill Csernecky how he was doing and said she was glad that he was back. Commissioner Dunn said that the town has a free DJ and photographer from the Farm and is impressed with the number of sharing people from the Farm.

Commissioner Davis – Commissioner Davis said that he is very excited about the planning stages of the town’s birthday party and hopes the residents take advantage of it as a chance to become one. Commissioner Davis said that when you read a budget that requires no questions, somebody has gone through a lot of work and thanked staff.

Commissioner Przywara– Commissioner Przywara said that in regard to donating time, there is a lot of public support. Commissioner Przywara said that staff did an excellent job on the budget and it has been reduced. Commissioner Przywara commended Mr. Gere Dale on the information regarding composting and his efforts.

Commissioner Russo – None

Commissioner Brennan – Commissioner Brennan complimented the staff on the budget and said it is moving along nicely. Commissioner Brennan said he believes the county rents a grinder periodically and thanked Mr. Gere Dale for his research regarding composting.

Public Comment:

Rosemary D’Ettore, 1084 Captains Ct. – Ms. D’Ettore asked if a recycling sticker is old, can she get a new one. Ms. D’Ettore said that she heard a rumor that the Town of Carolina Shores is in trouble.

Gere Dale, 46 Calabash Dr. – Mr. Dale said several weeks ago he had the opportunity to work with the Brunswick County people in Shallotte regarding hazardous material collection. The County spent between \$30 and \$35 thousand dollars for this and there were about 200 vehicles that came throughout the day to drop off hazardous waste and of those 200, 27 cars were from Carolina Shores. Mr. Dale said if you take the amount spent and the number of cars, it was very expensive. Mr. Dale said in his opinion, the town should collect hazardous materials prior to that day and send one town vehicle with all the hazardous materials on it. Mr. Dale said he heard that 30-35 percent of the Carolina Shores residents recycle and he’s not sure how realistic that number is. Mr. Dale said what he calls old Carolina Shores; around 98 percent of the people recycle. Mr. Dale said he talked to the garbage truck driver and there are 28 people on the list for curbside recycle pick up. Mr. Dale said he talked to the attendant at the Recycle Center and the indication was that only two or three people go to the compactor but never recycle. Mr. Dale said that if somehow we get 98 percent of the town to recycle, we would be the best in Brunswick County and probably the State. Mr. Dale said the town needs to pursue any alternatives to get residents involved in recycling. Mr. Dale said he understands the town is

going to hand out shopping bags and it is a very good idea and was discussed at the Keep Brunswick County Beautiful meeting he attended. Mr. Dale said in regards to that meeting, there was a \$20,000.00 grant that was given by the State which they are going to use in Southport in conjunction with the college to develop a community park. There will be small plots where the public can use it to grow their own gardens. There was also a \$3,000.00 grant given to try to curb cigarette butts on the beaches. Mr. Dale said he was involved to a considerable degree with the town's last birthday celebration and he talked to a number of people after the affair. Mr. Dale said that people really liked the door prizes, live music and the Sunset Slush vehicle and wanted to pass that recommendation along to the Board of Commissioners.

Jennings Edge, President of Calabash Fire Department - Mr. Edge said that he had a conversation with former Mayor Selby and found out why Mayor Goodenough is such a good Mayor. Mr. Edge thanked the Board of Commissioners for the budget. Mr. Edge wanted the Board to know that the roof is going on the Firehouse tomorrow.

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MAY 9, 2013 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. COMMISSIONER DUNN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. MAYOR GOODENOUGH CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Walter B. Goodenough, Mayor

Submitted by:
Nicole Marks
Town Clerk