

Saturday, April 19, 2014

The Carolina Dunes Association annual meeting was called to order by Ron Blunck, President of the Association.

Chris Layton and Andy Garmin from the Town of Duck attended the meeting. Chris Layton provided an updated on the biggest issue affecting the town - beach nourishment. The town hired a consultant to study the erosion problem and provide recommendations. These have been completed. Currently, a formal beach nourishment project is being scoped out. The Town Council is debating the size and scope of the project and is considering a project to handle 10-20 year storm protection levels.

Beach nourishment projects with a lower number of years for storm protection are smaller in scope. In a 10-20 year storm protection level it means that engineers expect the material placed onto the beach to handle a storm that typically only comes around every "10-20 years". If the town funded a "1-2 year storm protection level project" it would mean a very small amount of sand would be placed onto the beach and that sand would be wiped out after a storm roughly every 2 years. The Town is considering a 10-20 year storm project.

Implementing a beach nourishment project requires a significant amount of environmental studies and engineering plans. Amortizing those costs over a longer duration is desirable, and the Town of Duck recognizes this seeks to maximize the length of time the beach nourishment lasts.

A public meeting is scheduled by the Town for May 21 to discuss the scope of the project.

The beach nourishment project will focus on the areas most impacted by erosion. Within the Town of Duck these areas include subdivisions north of the Army Corps of Engineers pier. There are discussions underway to determine how far north the nourishment project should extend. It is important to note that some subdivisions on the northern most parts of Duck are opposed to a beach nourishment project because they have accreted new sand over the past several years and have experienced beach growth (rather than erosion). The Town, working with the subdivisions, plans to determine how far north beach nourishment will extend.

Funding for the project is expected to fall 1/3 on oceanfront owners, 1/3 on non-oceanfront owners, and 1/3 by the Town of Duck. In dollar terms, the average ocean front owner will likely see a \$5,000 annual increase in property taxes, and the average non-oceanfront owner will likely see a \$500 annual increase in property tax. The final decision for how to fund the project will be decided in May 2015. The Town of Duck hopes to issue an RFP in the Summer of 2015 and expects beach nourishment activities to begin in the Spring of 2016. The Town plans to establish a webpage on the <http://www.townofduck.com/> website in order to keep homeowners informed on the topic of beach nourishment.

The Town of Duck has requested funding support from Dare County to defray expenses associated with the beach nourishment project. In the past, the most controversial issue associated with this request was the Dare County requirement that beach nourishment funds be

spent only on beaches that provide public parking. There was much concern by residents (and by the Town) that creating public parking for beaches in privately owned subdivision would be disruptive. Fortunately the Town of Duck and Dare County have come to an agreement whereby county funds for beach nourishment are available without the requirement for public parking and public access.

The Town of Duck is also beginning a long term Pedestrian Safety Study. The goal of the study is to identify ways the Town of Duck can improve the safety for pedestrians within Duck. Within downtown Duck the study seeks to identify ways to separate drivers, bikers, and pedestrians so there is less likelihood of a collision between motorized vehicles and pedestrians. On the outskirts of the town (north and south) the goal is to reduce injuries that occur when the bike and walk path intersect roads within subdivisions.

Some funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation is available to support a pedestrian safety study. The Town of Duck is pursuing this funding source as an option.

The Mid-Currituck Bridge is on hold indefinitely. Every transportation project within North Carolina was prioritized and funding exists for roughly the top 20 projects across the state. The Mid-Currituck Bridge ranked close to 200 in priority which puts it highly out of reach in the next several years.

Christopher Blunck presented the financial report for Carolina Dunes. Repairs have been light in the past several years due to a lack of hurricanes and favorable spring seasons without damaging Nor'easters. As a result, the treasury for Carolina Dunes is at an all-time high with roughly \$45k in reserves.

Nominations were made for the 2014 CDA Board. The following were elected:

- a. Ron Blunck (Pres)
- b. Tom Dorsey (VP)
- c. Chris Blunck (Sec/Treas)
- d. Charlie Pratt (Board Member)
- e. Lorraine Schmidt (Board Member)
- f. Vicki Hatch (Board Member)
- g. Frank Evans (Board Member)
- h. John Ely (Board Member)
- i. Jeff Krial (Board Member)

Many thanks were extended to June Forlano, who has been on the CDA for many years and decided it was time to step down. June served in several Board capacities, including Treasurer. Thank you June!

The Board conducted a survey of homeowners within the community and solicited feedback on the desirability of construction of a sound front pier on the community lot. The community response was overwhelmingly in favor of a pier (close to 90% of respondents favored a pier). The Board discussed the pro's and con's of constructing a pier and decided to move ahead with

construction. In light of erosion on the ocean side of the community the Board thought that improving the usability of the sound side would be valuable to the community.

The Board has requested a crosswalk to be installed at the end of Canvasback Drive across Duck Road. This crosswalk will make it easier for homeowners and guests within our community to walk across Duck Rd and down to the sound via the community lot. Our hope is that the crosswalk makes it easier for families to get down to the sound and make use of the improvements we've made over the past several years.

There was a general discussion of the issues and problems associated with Charter converting there TV services to all-digital. Many homeowners have experienced problems with converting to the new services.

The following items were also on the meeting agenda, but discussion of them was limited due to the amount of time spent on discussing Town projects:

1. Bulk trash pick-up on Friday, April 25th
2. Replacement containers
 - a. Trash (Waste Mgt: 800-877-7531, \$65 each)
 - b. Recycle (Town: 252-255-1234, free)
3. Brown house # signs
 - a. Christie Moseman (cmoseman@townofduck.com)
4. Summer tips
 - a. Instructions for guests/renters
 - i. Trash & recycle collections
 - ii. Fireworks
 - iii. BBQ coals
 - iv. Turning off exterior spot lights after 10 PM
5. Year in review
 - a. Maintenance of three ocean access paths
 - i. New benches at top of the steps
 - ii. Spreading out entry steps at Sprigtail
 - b. Replacement & maintenance of two signs on NC 12
 - c. Maintenance of sound access
 - i. Wax Myrtle & Oleanders
 - ii. Pier construction
 - d. NCDOT street trimming & signs
 - e. New bike trail signs
 - f. Community lot on Sprigtail
 - g. Life guard parking & service
 - h. Duck Police special services
 - i. House checks
 - ii. Making inventory videos
 - iii. Parking enforcement
 - iv. Christie Moseman (cmoseman@townofduck.com)
 - i. Insurance coverage

- j. Communications
 - i. Email communications
 - ii. CDA Website (www.carolinadunes.org)
 - iii. New owner welcome letters
 - iv. EMS street signs at access points
 - v. Bulk trash collection in Spring & Fall
 - vi. Wedding events

The meeting was adjourned at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Blunck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christopher Blunck
CDA Secretary/Treasurer