



# **The Town of Hilton Head Island Intergovernmental Relations Committee Regular Meeting**

**Monday, January 27, 2014  
10:00 a.m. – Conference Room 3**

## **AGENDA**

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**As a Courtesy to Others Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Pagers during the Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance**  
Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Regular Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting of November 18, 2013
- 4. Chairman's Report**
- 5. Unfinished Business**  
None
- 6. New Business**
  - a. Discussion of 2014 General Assembly Issues – Scott Slatton, Legislative and Public Policy Advocate, Municipal Association of South Carolina
- 7. Adjournment**

**Please note that a quorum of Town Council may result if four (4) or more of Town Council members attend this meeting.**

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND  
**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of the Monday, November 18, 2013  
Regular Meeting

*Members Present:* George Williams, *Chairman*, and Lee Edwards, *Council Member*

*Members Absent:* Marc Grant, *Council Member*

*Others Present:* Bill Harkins and Kim Likins, *Council Members*, and Joe Croley, *Lowcountry Inside Track*; Jocelyn Staigar, *Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors*

*Staff Present:* Greg DeLoach, *Assistant Town Manager*; Faidra Smith, *Administration Manager/Public Information Coordinator*; and Lynn Buchman, *Administrative Assistant*

*Media Present:* None

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. Freedom of Information Act Compliance**

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**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting was made by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Williams. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Williams noted that Representative Andy Patrick and Senator Tom Davis had been invited to speak with the Committee.

**5. Unfinished Business**

None

**6. New Business**

**a. General Discussion with Invited Legislative Delegation Members**

Chairman Williams invited Representative Andy Patrick to update the Committee on what would be occurring in the upcoming legislative session and what the Committee might do to support their efforts.

Representative Patrick acknowledged there is a problem with the insurance law that needs fixing concerning the automatic increase allowed to insurers not related to the level of risk. However, he deferred any further questions to Senator Davis, since the Senator has developed a plan that will be supported by the delegation.

Representative Patrick related that his focus this year was on education related initiatives for the most part, including teacher evaluations, building in efficiencies and dealing with inconsistencies within the education code sections, and improvements to the First Steps programs to provide better school readiness for young children.

He noted that after conversation with the Town Manager, and being provided the cost of the removal of the abandoned boats in Jarvis Creek, he will be conversing with DHEC and DNR to see if there is some level of State participation available to help offset the cost of removal.

A discussion ensued among the Committee members, Council Members Bill Harkins and Kim Likins, and Representative Patrick concerning details of his education related initiatives for the upcoming legislative session. Representative Patrick also explained his Read to Succeed Act that he had introduced.

There followed a discussion with Senator Tom Davis and Representative Patrick about highway funds available, and the State's requirement for local governments to contribute ½ of the resurfacing costs for Beach City Road and Squire Pope Road. Senator Davis noted that the allocation of highway funds is politically driven, and that reform is needed to focus not only on the revenue component for the recurring source of funds, but coupled with that, a mandatory allocation of the scarce resources based upon an objective assessment of need. He expected a bi-partisan bill addressing this issue to be passed in the next session.

The issue of business license taxes was briefly discussed, and Senator Davis noted that the elimination of the tax has not been discussed, but rather adjusting the basis of computations by local governments from gross sales to net sales or other figures. The effects of Act 388, the fixes needed, tax inequities, and the support for changes were also discussed.

Chairman Williams and Senator Davis discussed the dredging underway at Harbour Town, the private funding required, and changes needed to DHEC's regulations to revise definitions to make future permitting easier. However, Senator Davis noted decisions on public funding of dredging will continue to be made on a case-by-case basis to determine the public and private nature of the project.

The status of the H.3781 naming of the Spanish Wells Bridge for Charles Simmons was discussed, and Senator Davis indicated he could resolve this quickly through the Transportation Committee.

Senator Davis noted that he would begin his second term, and as a member of the Finance Committee, he would be a better position to assist with local matters. He requested a list of legislative priorities from the Town in the form of a request from the Town Manager or a resolution from Town Council, which Chairman Williams indicated could be discussed at the Annual Workshop. A discussion followed concerning the Local Option Tourism Development Fee for property tax relief and DMO funding that was proposed and then abandoned. Senator Davis suggested if this was done, that a local referendum component be added so that the public participates in the decision making.

A brief discussion followed about the two current insurance issues. While flood insurance is a function of the federal government phasing out the current subsidies, Senator Davis noted there is a bi-partisan effort to delay any increase until 2 years after a FEMA affordability study is completed, which study is projected to take 2 years.

At the State level, Senator Davis pointed out that the wind and hail insurance is a complicated issue requiring reforms so that the premiums being charged match more closely with the risk assumed. He outlined reforms that he felt were needed, the public hearings being held, and the pending bill he has proposed. He was hopeful that his bill would be passed in the upcoming legislative session.

However, he pointed out that in order to encourage insurers to remain in South Carolina, a light touch through an incremental approach is needed. A discussion followed about the deficiencies in the insurance industry actuarial models and reforms needed.

Chairman Williams thanked Senator Davis for his remarks and assured him that a priority list would be forthcoming from the Town, which Senator Davis indicated he would work to accomplish.

**b. Proposed 2014 Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting Dates**

Mr. Edwards moved to approve and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

**Adjournment**

At 11:19 a.m. Mr. Edwards moved to adjourn and Mr. Williams seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Respectfully submitted:

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Lynn W. Buchman  
Administrative Assistant

Approved:

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George Williams, Chairman