

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Date: October 16, 2012

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Members Present: Kim Likins, George Williams, Bill Harkins

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Greg DeLoach, Scott Liggett, Charles Cousins, Rocky Browder

Others Present: Bill Ferguson, Lee Edwards, Jack Brinkley, *South Island Dredging Association*, Thomas D.W. Hutto, *GEL Engineering*

Media Present: Tom Barton, *The Island Packet*

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.

2. FOIA 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. Committee Business:

4. Unfinished Business: None

5. New Business

• **Proposed Maintenance Dredging of Sea Pines Waterways**

Jack Brinkley, South Island Dredging Association thanked the Committee for the opportunity to present South Island Dredging Association's plan to restore the navigation in the Sea Pines waterways and marinas. At the end of last year, Town Council was advised that a Joint Resolution unanimously approved by the respective Boards of the Sea Pine Community Associates and its Property Owner Group, ASPPO had recommended that these waterways and marinas be hydraulically dredged with open water disposal. This followed a 15 month program of independent study by these Sea Pines groups. Their study further concluded that hydraulic dredging with open water disposal are the only feasible methods and there were no feasible alternatives.

Mr. Brinkley mentioned that at the end of their Power Point presentation, they would be seeking the endorsement of this Committee and ultimately Town Council that inland open water disposal is the only practical and feasible alternative to maintain navigation of the Sea Pines Creeks and Marinas.

Mr. Brinkley, along with Tom Hutto, lead Scientist and Project Manager from GEL Engineering proceeded to give a Power Point Presentation detailing their dredging plan and the test results supporting their recently submitted dredge application. Mr. Brinkley mentioned for

a point of orientation, the three dredge sites are Harbour Town Marina, Baynard Cove Creek and Braddock Cove Creek.

After the presentation, Councilman Harkins stated he read the entire report and was quite impressed by it. Councilman Williams asked when the closing of the public comments was. Mr. Hutto advised the closing of the public comment is October 26, 2012. Chairman Likins stated she would like to echo her colleagues and commend them as this is a wonderful report and study; something we have long awaited to see happen. I eagerly support this and look forward to it taking place. Councilman Williams mentioned that the reason this is being taken up at today's Town Council Meeting is to meet the deadline for getting it in as part of the public comment.

Councilman Williams moved to recommend to Town Council at today's 4:00 o'clock Regular Meeting that South Island Dredging Association's Joint Federal and State Application filed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on September 7, 2012 as presented here today be endorsed via a Town Council Resolution. I further move that the Resolution include language that endorses the Dredging Association's conclusion that alternative means of disposal are not available and that inland open water disposal is the only practical and feasible alternative to maintain navigability of the subject creeks and marinas; that all appropriate regulatory agencies take into account comments made by residents and that Town Council endorses the project subject to the Association's compliance with all Federal, State and Local regulatory requirements such as environmental safety and strict monitoring of the project. Councilman Harkins seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

6. Adjournment:

Councilman Williams moved to adjourn. Councilman Harkins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen D. Knox
Senior Administrative Assistant