

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 10, 2008; 3:00PM
KIAWAH ISLAND MUNICIPAL CENTER
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order: Mr. Lipuma called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.**
- II. FOIA: Notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.**

III. Roll Call:

Present: Charles Lipuma, Chair
Dale Anderson
Jim Jordan, TOKI
Norm Shea, KICA
Dave Achey, KICA
Nancy Jackson, ARB
Eric Rice, TOKI
Jim Chitwood

Also Present: Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk
Sarah Latshaw, KIGR
Scott Fister, KIGR

Absent: Bill Connellee
Liz King, KIGR
David Elliott
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator

IV. Environmental Committee Minutes of May 10, 2008

Mr. Chitwood motioned to approve the minutes of May 13, 2008. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

V. July and August Meeting Date Change

The July meeting date will take place on July 3, 2008 at 1:00PM.

The August meeting date will take place on August 7, 2008 at 1:00PM.

VI. Old Business:

A. Going Green, Follow-Up

Mr. Rice stated that the Town has received a new composting bin and is composting all suitable materials. The Town also met with consultant Wayman Pearson and is currently awaiting his report which will outline how the Town can expand their green initiatives.

Mr. Fister discussed the rubber tire recycling and the possible uses on Kiawah. He stated he would like to work with KICA in order to see if they would be interested in using rubberized asphalt for roadway construction/maintenance. Mr. Fister also explained that plastic grocery bags can be recycled at Freshfield's grocery.

A. KICA Community Bonfire on the Beach

Mrs. Kay Narmour and Mrs. Cindy Feldman, representatives of KICA and the Sandcastle, presented a request at last month's meeting to host community bonfires on the beach. After the meeting, Mr. Lipuma sent Mrs. Narmour a letter (attached) that referenced TOKI's Municipal Code 15-105 and stated that KICA could ask the EC for a recommendation to waive the \$100 permit fee for bonfires. Mrs. Feldman responded via email (attached) requesting that the Committee recommend to Town Council that the \$100 permit fee be waived. The Committee members discussed the item at length. The Committee declined the request to waive the \$100 permit fee with a 6-4 vote. Mr. Lipuma noted that the Sandcastle is welcome to apply for a permit under the procedures currently regulated by Ordinance 15-105.

VII. Mr. Chitwood motioned to add Item A, "Crab Trap Removal" to New Business. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. New Business:

A. Crab Trap Removal

Mr. Lipuma presented a letter from Leigh Anne Harden, a marine biology graduate student at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, addressed to Mrs. Marilyn Blizard and Mrs. Liz King. Ms. Harden expressed her shared interest in moving forward with terrapin conservation and crab trap removal in the waters along Kiawah Island. Mr. Jordan stated that legislation would have to be changed at the State level in order to allow the removal of any crab trap; both tagged and "ghost" traps. Mr. Lipuma suggested that Mrs. King contact Ms. Harden in order to have the Southeast Diamondback Terrapin Working Group draft a letter to the SC legislature requesting a change in legislation. Once the letter is prepared, the EC will consider it for endorsement. Ms. Latshaw will work with Mrs. King on this project.

IX. Committee Member Reports:

Jim Jordan, TOKI (Report Attached)

Mr. Jordan presented the wildlife report for May 13, 2008-June 6, 2008. Eight bobcats have been collared to date and the final two collars will be deployed in fall 2008. The 2008 bobcats will be added to the website next month. The Jewels in the Crown complete series has been finalized and is ready to be printed.

Nancy Jackson, ARB

Mrs. Jackson reported that the Town's new nature sign on the Parkway is under review by the ARB and does not seem to meet regulations. She also discussed her tour of the green roof inside of the Ion Development.

Sarah Latshaw, KIGR

Ms. Latshaw reported the Nature Center's animal calls (attached). She also discussed the Painted Bunting Telemetry Project that she is working on with Lex Glover, Dr. Paul Nolan, and John Gerwin. As of June 7, 2008 twenty Painted Buntings had been radio-tagged and banded.

Norm Shea, KICA

Mr. Shea reported that Pond 077 had a fish kill on May 31, 2008 resulting in a total of 500lbs of fish; predominately mullet. Bass Pond re-decking has been postponed until September 2008 in order to facilitate nesting Barn Swallows. The new aeration system compressors have all been installed.

Dave Achey, KICA

Mr. Achey stated that the renovation project meeting has been changed to July 8, 2008 from 4:00PM-6:00PM at the Sandcastle. The project has been contracted with Three Oaks Landscaping and should take 75 days to complete.

Eric Rice, TOKI

Mr. Rice announced that his final day with the Town will be August 1, 2008.

Scott Fister, KIGR

Mr. Fister stated that the Resort's e-waste recycling event was very successful and over 100 items were recycled. Oyster Shell recycling for the SCORE program was unveiled at Mingo Point. Over 73 tons of cardboard was recycled by the Resort in May. Twenty-eight golf bag stands were donated to Shadow Moss Golf Plantation. Mr. Fister is also working with a company that does carpet recycling.

Dale Anderson

Mr. Anderson stated that there have been 72 turtle nests; 71 loggerhead and 1 leatherback. This is twice the nests compared to this time last year. The hatchlings in the Nature Center bird box fledged successfully.

X. Citizen Comments:

None

XI. Adjournment:

Mr. Connellee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:43PM. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by: _____
Catherine Wilson

Approved by: _____
Charles R. Lipuma

Date: _____

CC: William Wert, Mayor
Tumiko Rucker
Town Council