



**Town of Surfside
Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES
August 12, 2014
7 p.m.**

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor
Surfside, FL 33154

1. Opening

A. Call to Order

Mayor Dietch called the meeting to order at 7:03P.M.

B. Roll Call of Members

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Dietch, Vice Mayor Tourgeman, Commissioner Olchyk and Commissioner Cohen. Commissioner Karukin was absent.

Mayor Dietch acknowledged former Vice Mayor Graubart and former Commissioner Kligman who were at the meeting this evening.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. Mayor and Commission Remarks – Mayor Daniel Dietch

On behalf of the Commission and community the Mayor wished Commissioner Karukin a speedy recovery after being released from the hospital with a back injury. Commissioner Cohen thanked the community for their positive feedback while watching the meetings live stream.

E. Agenda and Order of Business Additions, deletions and linkages

Mayor Dietch announced the time certain items and said there was a request to link Item 4A.2 and 5A.

F. Community Notes – Mayor Daniel Dietch Community Notes – Mayor Daniel Dietch

The Mayor reminded the community of a town meeting where they have the opportunity to meet the candidates for the Town Manager position. Mayor Dietch announced other upcoming community events which can be found on the Town's website.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion for a point of privilege to have ex Vice Mayor and ex Commissioner Joe Graubart and ex Commissioner Michelle Kligman made a presentation to Town Manager Crotty. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Tourgeman and all voted in favor.

- G. Tribute to Former Town Mayor Samuel Brenner – Vice Mayor Eli Tourgeman**
Vice Mayor Tourgeman gave a moving tribute to Former Mayor Brenner. On behalf of the Commission and the town deep condolences was extended to his family on his passing at the age of 97. A video was played of Former Mayor Brenner reciting one of his poems “Count to Six Million,” a Holocaust Memorial Poem. This was followed by one minute of silence in his memory. Present were his son and daughter-in-law and Mayor Dietch expressed his condolences to them.

Mayor Dietch invited ex Vice Mayor Graubart and ex Commissioner Kligman to give their presentation. On behalf of the town, Mr. Graubart presented Town Manager Crotty with a plaque and expressed his appreciation for all he has done. Ms. Kligman spoke praising Manager Crotty for his hard work and regards him as a friend. Manager Crotty thanked everyone and said he has made many friendships and enjoyed working for the community.

2. Quasi-Judicial Hearings (None)

3. Consent Agenda (*Set for approximately 7:30 p.m.*)
The following items were pulled:

Commissioner Olchyk pulled the following items:

- Item 22, Billing Adjustment to Commercial Recycling
- Item 14 Historic Preservation

Mayor Dietch pulled the following items:

- Item 1, Bus Service
- Item 4, Parking Structure Feasibility Study -
- Item 17/18 FEMA and Community Rating
- Item 20, Charter Permit Documents
- Item 23, Beach Management Agreement

Vice Mayor Tourgeman made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus the pulled items. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all voted in favor with Commissioner Karukin absent.

A. Minutes – Sandra Novoa, CMC, Town Clerk

June 19, 2014 Special Town Commission Meeting – Hedges and Sight Triangle

July 8, 2014 Regular Town Commission Meeting

July 16, 2014 Special Town Commission Meeting – Proposed Budget

July 16, 2014 Special Town Commission Meeting

July 22, 2014 Special Town Commission Meeting – Proposed Budget and Town Manager Recruitment Update

B. Budget to Actual Summary as of May 31, 2014 – Donald Nelson, Finance Director

- *C. Town Manager's Report** – Michael P. Crotty, Town Manager
- *D. Town Attorney's Report** – Linda Miller, Town Attorney
- *E. Projects Progress Report** – Calvin, Giordano and Associates, Inc.
- F. Committee Reports** – Michael P. Crotty, Town Manager

- May 29, 2014 Planning and Zoning Board Minutes
- June 06, 2014 Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes
- June 09, 2014 Tourist Board Minutes
- June 16, 2014 Community Center Expansion Committee Minutes
- June 25, 2014 Sand Project Committee Minutes
- July 01, 2014 Sand Project Committee Minutes

Pulled Items:

-Item 22, Billing Adjustment to Commercial Recycling Customers on page 48 of the Town Managers Report.

Commissioner Olchyk said this issue was mismanaged and community misled especially condo associations. There was an error in under billing over the past two years and no letter of explanation was sent to condos but an inflated bill then sent for past monies owed. She is very upset with staff that for two years no one could see that there was under billing. Also, with the new technology we have today such as computers, why wasn't this picked up. She asked what can be done to not put a burden on residents who live on a budget and give them an opportunity to pay this in installments without penalty. Manager Crotty said there will be a meeting on the issue and Commissioner Olchyk wants better communication as to what is being proposed.

-Item 14 Historic Preservation

Vice Mayor Tourgeman urged the Commission to not allow the Historic Preservation Board to stifle our redevelopment. He feels we should have a voice in this process. The Mayor directed the Town Manager to send a letter to the Board that we are looking into public and private redevelopment and the letter be reviewed by the Commission and sent within a week and a half. Also to schedule a meeting with the Historic Preservation Board and the Town Commission.

-Item 1, Bus Service, Mayor Dietch asked for an update and Manager Crotty and Duncan Traveres said there is no timeline as yet as to when it will come back to the Commission. Vice Mayor Tourgeman also spoke on the bus service to Ft. Lauderdale.

-Item 4, Parking Structure Feasibility Study - The Mayor directed the Town Manager to schedule a meeting in September on this issue. Manger Crotty said the item will come back in September.

-Item 17/18 FEMA and Community Rating – Building Official Ross Prieto gave an update on the items. He said we will get an answer in November/December. The Mayor asked that staff look into the possibility of writing a letter to expedite the process.

-Item 20, Charter Permit Documents – Building Official Prieto gave update

-Item 23, Beach Management Agreement – The Mayor would like to see an action report on the issue.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to accept the pulled items from the consent agenda. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Tourgeman and all voted in favor with Commissioner Karukin absent.

4. Ordinances

(Set for approximately 8:00 p.m.) (Note: Good and Welfare must begin at 8:15)

A. Second Readings (Ordinances and Public Hearing)

1. **Sign Code** – Sarah Sinatra, Town Planner *[SET FOR TIME CERTAIN 7:30PM]*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA REPEALING AND REPLACING ARTICLE VI “SIGNS” OF “CHAPTER 90 ZONING” OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra presented the item to the Town Commission.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman made a motion for discussion. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk. Vice Mayor Tourgeman asked the staff to look into having lighting in storefront windows in the evening. The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. There being no public speakers the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Karukin absent.

2. **Parking Trust Fund** – Sarah Sinatra, Town Planner *[SET FOR TIME CERTAIN 7:40PM] [Item Linked to Item 5A]*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 90 “ZONING,” ARTICLE VII “OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING,” DIVISION 1 “OFF-STREET PARKING,” SECTION 90-77 “OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS” OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING PARKING TRUST FEES PAID IN LIEU OF OFF-STREET PARKING; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra presented the item to the Town Commission.

Commissioner Olchyk asked if this applies to everyone even hotels and to current construction. Town Planner Sinatra said it applied to the business district and synagogue only. As to current construction she indicated additional language could be put in for review. Special Land Use Counsel Nancy Stroud gave some input on current construction legalities.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Tourgeman. The motion carried 3-0 with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent for the vote and Commissioner Karukin absent.

(Set for approximately 8:30 p.m.) (Note: Good and Welfare must begin at 8:15)

B. First Reading Ordinances

1. Massing – Sarah Sinatra, Town Planner

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 90 ZONING; SECTION 90-51 MAXIMUM FRONTAGE OF BUILDINGS, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 90-51.1 TO LIMIT THE HEIGHT OF THE 270 FOOT LONG PLATFORM TO 30 FEET IN HEIGHT AND LIMIT THE TOWERS TO 150 FEET IN LENGTH; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra presented the item to the Town Commission which included some graphics. Vice Mayor Tourgeman asked if staff have gotten inquiries regarding new development and Town Planner Sinatra indicated there has been interest in future development.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Karukin absent.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. Public Speaker George Kousoulos was not in favor of this ordinance and gave his views as to what he feels is wrong. Public Speaker Jeffrey Platt spoke and said there is going to be a huge amount of excavation sand to be dealt with. Mayor Dietch said he is sensitive to Mr. Kousoulos' views but feels this is a step in the right direction and addressed Mr. Platt and said that subject will be dealt with in a separate issue.

5. Resolutions and Proclamations

(Set for approximately 9:00 p.m.) (Note: Depends upon length of Good and Welfare)

A. Parking Trust Fund Cost Per Parking Space – Sarah Sinatra, Town Planner [Item Linked to Item 4A2]

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FEES TO BE ASSESSED PER PARKING SPACE PROVIDED IN SECTION 90-77 OF THE TOWN CODE WHICH ESTABLISHED A TRUST FUND TO BE ENTITLED THE “TOWN OF SURFSIDE DOWNTOWN PARKING TRUST FUND; REPEALING ALL OTHERS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra presented the item to the Town Commission.

Mayor Dietch asked if the town was on firm ground regarding the dollar value of the parking space. Manager Crotty indicated they have surveyed other communities as to what they are charging and is comfortable with what we are charging.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. Public Speaker George Kousoulos gave some insight as to the cost per space in building parking garages. Tina Paul spoke and indicated that this is a real issue as parking is difficult especially with all the construction taking place. No one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Tourgeman. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Karukin absent.

B. November 4, 2014 Special Election Voter’s Guide – Linda Miller, Town Attorney

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS UP TO \$4,500 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 001-2400-519-4911 FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF INFORMING AND EDUCATING THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE REGARDING THE TOWN’S SEVEN BALLOT QUESTIONS ON ITS NOVEMBER 4, 2014 SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A MORE INFORMED ELECTORATE VOTE; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Dietch asked the Town Manager if this was sufficient to properly educate the community as to what they will be voting on. Manager Crotty

indicated that the document gives a good explanation of the issues for those who will take the time to read it.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Tourgeman. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Karukin absent.

C. Resolution Approving the Design of the 90th Street End Project – Joseph Kroll, Public Works Director

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 13-Z-06, CONDITION NO. 22 REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE DESIGN PREPARED BY THE APPLICANT, THE SURF CLUB INC. FOR THE 90th STREET END PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra presented the item. Joe Benton representing the Surf Club gave a visual overview of the plan design.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk. The Mayor requested that they keep the bike racks and the Commission did not express objection to the Mayors request. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Karukin absent.

Resolution Approving CGA Work Order No. 88 – Create Zoning Criteria Including Mid-Block Walkways and Open Space – Michael P. Crotty, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA (“TOWN”) APPROVING CALVIN-GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC. (CGA) WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 88 (CREATE ZONING CRITERIA INCLUDING MID-BLOCK WALKWAYS AND OPEN SPACE, CGA PROPOSAL NO. 14-7020) IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,913.54 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, FY 14/15 BUDGET (ACCOUNT #: 001-2000-524-31-10) PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

There was discussion as this is not a budgeted item and perhaps the item should wait until the budget is finalized before making a decision.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to bring the item back to the first meeting in October. The motion received a second from Commissioner Cohen and all voted in favor with Commissioner Karukin absent.

As a point of privilege the Mayor asked if we could move on to item 9D Sand Project.

D. Business District Holiday Lights – Duncan Tavares, TEDACS Director

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RESORT TAX BOARD EXPENDITURE OF \$38,500 FOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND DECORATIONS ON HARDING AVENUE FROM 94TH STREET TO 96TH STREET FROM THE RESORT TAX FUND ACCOUNT NO. 102-8000-552-48-10; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH FLORIDA LIGHTING TEAM, LLC, D/B/A/ MIAMI CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TOWN; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Duncan Tavares, TEDACS Director presented the item.

Commissioner Olchyk objected to the three year contract with the company and feels this was not handled right and also objects to the cost of the lighting of every tree and suggests lighting every other tree. Manager Crotty explained that it is not unusual to have multi-year contracts which provide a discount in cost.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman said he liked the idea of festive lighting but was concerned that this was rushed through the Tourist Board consisting of new members, and approved before they had time to fully review the resolution. He also wanted to go on record by saying that the Tourist Board only approved white lighting in the past and that was overruled by the past Town Manager who approved red and green one year and blue another year. He also said that at the next Tourist Board Meeting he will be bringing back a moratorium for the lack of a bid response.

The Mayor wanted to go on record saying that the Tourist Board is unlike other committees in their responsibilities. He trusts their decision on this issue and feels they have their best interest in promoting the town. He is in favor of the white lighting and this will improve the look of the business district which also has new landscaping. He also stated this is being funded by tourist tax dollars.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Cohen. The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Olchyk voting in opposition and Commissioner Karukin absent.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to discuss pulled Item 22, Billing Adjustment to Commercial Recycling Customers on page 48 of the Town

Managers Report. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Tourgeman and all voted in favor.

At 10:59 p.m., Vice Mayor Tourgeman made a motion to extend the meeting an additional thirty minutes. The Mayor passed the gavel and seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner Cohen absent for the vote and Commissioner Karukin absent.

6. Good and Welfare (*Set for approximately 8:15 p.m.*)

The Mayor opened the meeting to Good and Welfare.

Public Speakers:

-Marianne Meisheid related an experience she had while at the beach about two men digging into the dunes inserting poles. Another experience at the beach was one of the members of her condo fell and there is a safety issue on that part of the beach.

-Clara Diaz Parker is concerned about the infrastructure and traffic especially when Young Israel is open. In the past there were no left turns from Abbott and no through trucks on 91st Street from Abbott and that has been removed. This allows more traffic coming into the residential streets and must be addressed.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman related an incident he viewed with a truck making a left turn on 95th Street from Abbott Ave.

No one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed Good and Welfare.

Town Manager Crotty presented some options made to the staff regarding traffic. The Mayor asked that we begin the process by requesting from DOT and the County that there left turns be allowed from Abbott onto 96th Street and no through trucks on 95th Street from Abbott westbound.

The Mayor addressed safety on the beach and also the town had approval to knock down the escarpment on the beach. The Mayor also said they are looking into the issue of the Eruv poles on the beach and Building Official Ross Prieto said permits had been pulled and safety measures have been met and legally they have no way of not issuing the permits. Bringing the issue to the Commission would only be informational as we do not have jurisdiction over the beach. The Mayor expressed his displeasure in finding out about this after permits were issued and feels this issue has potential to be divisive in this community. Official Prieto indicated that this was to go before the Commission first but the contractor went ahead and started the project. Official Prieto said staff is meeting with the contractor. Town Manager Crotty indicated that this was a staff issue and the ball was dropped by not going to the Commission first before issuing the permit. The Mayor asked if there was a way to put a stop on the project and Town Attorney Miller indicated that we do not have authority to stop it as it is in the jurisdiction of the State of Florida.

7. Town Manager and Town Attorney Reports

Town Manager and Town Attorney Reports have been moved to the Consent Agenda – Item 3.

8. Unfinished Business and New Business

9. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communications

A. Policy Regarding Walking Dogs on the Narrow Walk Path (Upper Beach Walking Path) – Commissioner Marta Olchyk

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to defer the item till next month. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Tourgeman and all voted in favor with Commissioner Karukin absent.

B. Joint Commission and Tourist Board Meeting for Monday, October 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM Request – Duncan Tavares, TEDACS Director (*Verbal*)

Vice Mayor Tourgeman made a motion to accept. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk with all in favor and Commissioner Karukin absent. The Mayor asked the clerk to send a reminder to all.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman made a motion to extend the meeting five minutes. The Mayor passed the gavel and seconded the motion with Commissioner Olchyk absent for the vote, Commissioner Cohen in opposition and Commissioner Karukin absent.

C. Pointe Lake / North Canal (*Verbal Update*) – Michael P. Crotty, Town Manager Town Attorney Miller gave an update.

D. Report on August 5, 2014 Sand Project Community Monitoring Committee (*Verbal Update*) – Michael P. Crotty, Town Manager

Gordon Thompson coastal engineer and consultant for the project gave a detailed overview of the project which includes options and cost elements. He presented visuals and said the sand will lighten in color.

Commissioner Olchyk said from Mr. Thompson's presentation it seems the focus was only on the color of the sand and not the material of the sand. Mr. Thompson indicated that was correct as he has been informed by correspondence from the Dept. of Health that the sand material was proven to be standard. Commissioner Olchyk asked for clarification that what is being discussed now is only the color of the sand and not the toxicity of the sand. Mr. Thompson went over the various options (tilling, scraping, etc.) explaining what each process would initially do.

Mayor Dietch questioned the permitting costs and difference of costs in other communities.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public.

Public Speakers:

-Jeffrey Platt said Surfside has beautiful white sand and what is being put in now is not the same. He feels beach attendance is down at least 50% and is concerned about future development and the bringing in of sand that is not compatible with the original. He also said that the escarpment was not made by wave action but the developers created the cliff and now Miami Dade is

grading it out and mixing it in and feels the Commission has to take some action.

-Tina Paul addressed the leadership of the town. The State of Florida made a decision that the community felt was wrong and she wanted to know why the City Officials did not voice their objection to the State. She asked that they think about what they can do to fix this problem.

-Monica Grandeze said that new development for the town is good. However, the citizens depend on the town's leadership to protect and represent their interests. The issue of the sand is not just color but the material as well as all the debris. She stated that it is taking too long for this issue to be resolved. The residents want the sand removed and asked that a decision be made by the next meeting and better legislation put in place so this problem does not occur with future development.

-Deborah Cimadevilla thanked members of the Commission who have been attending the Sand Committee meetings. She wanted to know why they have been forced to accept construction sand fill on their beach which is unacceptable and not compatible when it was deemed that the beach was stable. She implores the Commission to do the right thing and take action on this issue and have the sand removed.

-David Raymond is a member of the Sand Committee and asked the Commission to carefully review their recommendations when submitted. He also urged the Commission to put into place a strong policy regarding future projects on the beach.

-Martin Oppenheimer agrees that the debris has to be cleared. As to the color of the sand and safety of its content he feels we should accept the reports which indicate there is no safety issue and not spend money on removal of the sand. He supports the Commission and feels they take this issue seriously.

-Marianne Meisheid is on the Sand Committee and feels at their meetings the Commission members present really have no idea or really care about the problem. She spoke about the construction debris on the beach that has not been addressed.

-George Kousoulos spoke about the permit which states under special conditions that the grain should be similar. When walking on the beach one can feel the difference. He spoke about the findings in color and grain size.

The Mayor asked the Commission if they would like to express their views. Commissioner Olchyk said we live in a wonderful democracy and she always speaks how she feels and what she believes to be best for the community even though some may not agree with her. As to the debris she agrees it should be removed. As to the sand, after reading all the reports she does not feel that the sand is a safety hazard. It is true that the color is different but she wants to know who gave the permission on this as this did not come to the Commission. She indicated that she walks the beach almost every day and further stated that she has been told that the City of Surfside has been scheduled for a renourishment of the beach.

Mayor Dietch addressed the comments regarding leadership and admitted that this issue was not handled well by the administration. However, when they were told by citizens there was a problem with the sand they immediately took action to ascertain what if any problems there were. The Commission also asked for a study to be done on the sand so they could better understand what problems there may be. A Sand Committee was formed involving the community. He indicated that he did not feel the community was always sharing information with the administration and sometimes acted on emotion and not fact. It is the obligation of the Commission to see that the town has a beautiful and safe beach. He is hoping the Sand Committee will provide a means in which this cannot be an issue in the future by developing more stringent standards to put in place and work with other coastal communities to develop legislation to have the State change their laws regarding beaches. Town Manager Crotty said that we are not scheduled for beach renourishment next year but perhaps in two – three years.

Commissioner Cohen also gave his views and said that at some point we need to accept what science tells us and respect their findings that the sand is not as bad as they thought. He agrees the debris must be removed and we must now look to the future and how to prevent problems. He urged the community to not slander the town and its beaches and be reasonable and careful in what they are saying. The goal of the administration and community is to work together and not have this occur again. Town Manager Crotty announced the upcoming meeting regarding this issue and a report will be presented at the next Commission Meeting. Vice Mayor Tourgeman said at the next Sand Committee Meeting a vote will be taken and asked that the Surf Club pay for the expenses for what is voted on. The Mayor asked the community for their help and present to administration what they want tested before the next meeting so the toxicologist may have the answers for them.

- E. **Town Manager Recruitment Process - Evaluation Criteria** – Mayor Daniel Dietch The Mayor asked the Commission to think about the town, where we are and where we want to be and what kind of Manager would be best for our vision.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 p.m.

Accepted this 9th day of September, 2014



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra Novoa, CMC
Town Clerk