

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Environment & Wildlife Committee Special Called Meeting  
April 24, 2023

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## Minutes

### CALL TO ORDER

Present: Jeri Finke (Chair), Mark Andrews, Martha Goldstein, Dean Morr, Patti Romano (virtual)  
Absent: None.  
Guests: Chief Ryan Kunitzer, Assistant Chief Chris Whaley, Larry Mohn (Seabrook Island Property Owners Association Representative from the Environmental Committee)  
Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Tyler Neman (Zoning Administrator & Chief Code Enforcement Officer), Robin Ochoa (Communications & Events Manager) Katharine Watkins (Town Clerk)

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Morr moved to approve the previous meeting minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup>; Ms. Goldstein seconded. All voted in favor.

The previous meeting minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup> were approved.

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Continued review of the Seabrook Island beach ordinance and discussion on recommended revisions. This discussion will focus on fires on the beach (allowed now only as permitted by SIPOA). Attending the committee meeting will be Fire Chief Ryan Kunitzer, St. John's Fire District, to discuss how best to structure an open burning ordinance for the Town of Seabrook Island that could/should include safety restrictions and guidelines for allowing fires on the beach. He also has suggestions for improving enforcement to ensure proper and safe beach fires.

Chairwoman Finke introduced Chief Kunitzer and Assistant Chief Whaley to discuss potential changes to the beach ordinance regarding bonfires on the beach, and how they correlate to other municipalities in the area.

Chief Kunitzer and Assistant Chief Whaley discussed with the committee about safety restrictions to fires on the beach as it relates to Seabrook Island. The committee also discussed current enforcement, potential changes to enforcement with regards to St. Johns Fire District, the Town, and SIPOA, and potential changes to the beach ordinance.

### ADJOURN

Mr. Morr moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Andrews seconded. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.

Date: April 24, 2023

Prepared by: *Katharine E. Watkins*  
Town Clerk/Treasurer