

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

## Environment & Wildlife Committee Regular Meeting

June 8, 2023 – 1:00PM

Town Hall, Council Chambers  
2001 Seabrook Island Road  
Seabrook Island, SC 29455



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**Virtual Participation:** Individuals who wish to participate in the meeting via Zoom may call (843) 768-9121 or email [kwatkins@townofseabrookisland.org](mailto:kwatkins@townofseabrookisland.org) for log-in information prior to the meeting.

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Meeting held on January 31, 2023
2. Meeting held on February 23, 2023
3. Meeting held on April 24, 2023

### OLD/NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Proposed rules for fires on the beach as incorporated into amendments to Chapter 16, Fire Prevention, of Town Code.

### NEXT MEETING

### ADJOURN

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Environment & Wildlife Committee Special Called Meeting  
January 31, 2023 – 10:00AM

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Present: Jeri Finke (Chair), Mark Andrews, Martha Goldstein, Dean Morr, Patti Romano (virtual)  
Absent: None.  
Guests: None.  
Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Katharine Watkins (Town Clerk)

The meeting started at 10:13AM due to technical difficulties.

### New Business

Discussion of Presentation by Dr. Abby Sterline (Georgia Bight Shorebird Conservation Initiative)

The committee discussed the presentation by Dr. Abby Sterline and their recommendation to the Council on the application to receive the WSHRN designation for the Town of Seabrook Island.

### Old Business

None

### Adjourn

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

**The meeting adjourned at 10:53AM.**

Date: May 10, 2023

Prepared by: *Katharine E. Watkins*  
Assistant Town Administrator

# TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Environment & Wildlife Committee Special Called Meeting  
February 23, 2023



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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Present: Jeri Finke (Chair), Martha Goldstein, Dean Morr, Patti Romano  
Absent: Mark Andrews  
Guests: None.  
Staff Present: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator), Tyler Newman (Zoning Administrator), Nichole Nettles (Short-Term Rental Compliance Manager)

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting began at 1:03PM.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The committee deferred voting on the previous meeting minutes until the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of draft Beach Ordinance specifically fishing regulations.

The Committee discussed potential changes to the beach ordinance specifically regarding fishing regulations such as: surf fishing, beach fishing, setting goals, two fishing poles, fishing after dark, spear fishing, gigging, trot lines, dolphin program and language protection the dolphins, how to notify visitors about the regulations, shark fishing, and chumming.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:56PM.

Date: May 10, 2023

Prepared by: *Katharine E. Watkins*  
Assistant Town Administrator

# 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