

TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

Public Works Committee Regular Meeting

February 7, 2022



Virtual Meeting Hosted via Zoom

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MINUTES

Members Present: Barry Goldstein, Glen Cox, Ed Heskamp, Jeff Homeier, Barry Hand

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: None

Chairman Barry Goldstein called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M. Chairman Goldstein confirmed with the TOSI clerk that the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act were fulfilled, and the meeting agenda was properly posted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Regular Meeting:** Since this was the first meeting of the Public Works Committee, there are no prior meetings minutes to be reviewed or approved of.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Since this was the first meeting of the Public Works Committee, there was no old business to be summarized, discussed, questioned, or commented on.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Election of Officers:** The Chairman agreed to perform the duties of the Secretary. Mr. Heskamp agreed to be Vice Chair. His nomination was seconded by Mr. Hand and unamously approved.
2. **Discuss purpose of PWC:** Briefly discussed the purpose of the PWC Include summarizing the scope tasked by the Town.
3. **Discuss future PWC meetings dates and time:** It was agreed that the meeting will be held monthly on the first Monday of each month at 12 P.M. When the meeting date falls on a holiday or a day when the Town Hall is closed, the meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month, at the same 12 P.M. time.
4. **Reviewed Seabrook Island Road Re-Paving/Upgrade Project:** The Chairman provided background on the project. This included work done to date by ESP Associates, the Engineering Firm retained by the Town. Other background information provided included

Charleston County design road elevations, approximate existing road elevations along Seabrook Island Road, and the purpose of repaving and raising the road grades as it relates to nuisance flooding. It was noted that raising the roadway grade to the County minimum of 6.5 ft NAVD88 (this elevation is for “new construction”, not a requirement for SI Road but a target to strive for) would only help alleviate nuisance flooding, not eliminate it. Raising the road grade will not address flooding from hurricanes. Four possible alternatives to raise the road grades were presented and included: using all asphalt; using an aggregate base course and asphalt; using an asphalt overlay only and not raising grades to 6.5 ft. NAVD88; and using an asphalt overlay and raising grades as much as practical and targeting areas to raise grades and alleviate nuisance flooding. Three issues that were discussed and need to be addressed for each alternative were technical feasibility, constructability/traffic control and cost. Two of the alternatives; using all asphalt to attain the 6.5 ft grade (likely too expensive) and using a base course and asphalt (significant traffic control required and traffic disruption) were reviewed. Both were determined to be unattractive alternatives to the Town. The Chairman noted that a meeting with the Engineers was scheduled for 02/08/2022 and would ask them to present their opinions on the four alternatives and include commentary on technical feasibility, construction/traffic control issues and cost. The Committee planned on reviewing the Engineers input next meeting.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

1. **Reviewed** Outbound Bike/pedestrian Pathway Upgrade: As part of the Seabrook Island Roadway improvement and Paving, the path would receive improvements such as better crosswalk signalization, possibly some lighting along the path and other conveniences like benches. This will be discussed in more detail as the project progresses forward.
2. **Reviewed Proposed New Town Hall Garage:** The Town hopes to consider constructing a garage adjacent to the Town Hall in the future. The Town has budgeted money for the architectural design of the garage. The Town has requested a proposal for a local architect with experience in garage design and local construction. Once the proposal is received, the Committee will review and provide input into the proposal and design.

There being no further business, the Chairman requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Heskamp made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Hand seconded the motion. The motion was **APPROVED** by a vote of 5 in FAVOR to 0 OPPOSED, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Minutes Approved: March 7, 2022