



TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Town Hall Commission Chambers
3618 South Ocean Boulevard
Highland Beach, Florida 33487

Date: November 06, 2024
Time: 11:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Barbara Nestle called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Member Christine Viegas
Board Member Alan Blumberg
Board Member Kenneth Shriberg
Board Member David Newman (arrived at 11:35 AM)
Vice Chairperson Joshua Davison
Chairperson Barbara Nestle
Deputy Town Clerk Jaclyn DeHart

ABSENT

Board Member Karen Jones

ADDITIONAL STAFF PRESENT

Town Planner Ingrid Allen

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Davison/Shriberg - Moved to approve the agenda as presented which passed 5 to 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT *(limited to three (3) minutes per speaker)*

Joanne Ryan, Sea Turtle Permit Holder, provided comments about the 2024 turtle numbers.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Town Planner Updates

Town Planner Allen mentioned that the Mingle Jingle flyer was sent out and set up for the event will start at 3 PM. Name tags will be given out at the event.

There are 36 RSVPs for the November 12, 2024, event. Hard copies of the study are available for public viewing at Town Hall in the Clerk's Office and the Library.

She informed the Board that Member Newman has not given her any information in regard to the recycling plant trip.

She reminded the Board that if they want to move forward with any items not directly assigned by the commission – such as seawall feasibility study, boat ride, or recycling trip - they have to follow the process of making a formal recommendation to the Town Commission for approval.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 04, 2024

Motion: Blumberg/Davison – Moved to approve the September 04, 2024, minutes as presented, which passed 5 to 0.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Dune Restoration/Management-related events and Outreach

1. Mingle Jingle Event- December 5, 2024

The Board discussed the event and assigned responsibilities for bringing supplies. Town Planner Allen will check with the Manager's Office to confirm whether there will be a separate table for the Turtle Team.

2. Future Outreach

Chairperson Nestle mentioned that John Shoemaker emailed the HOA Presidents in regard to attending the November 12, 2024, event. Parker Highland is discussing hosting a dune resident event in January. Member Viegas will inquire about having an event at her condo and follow up with the Board next meeting. The Board was in agreement to have a special meeting mid-January to discuss the November 12, 2024 event and Mingle Jingle. The Clerk's office will send out dates via email.

Member Newman joined the meeting at 11:35 AM.

B. Discussion on Intracoastal Waterway Protection and Public Education

Discussion ensued regarding education on sea walls. Members Shriberg and Blumberg will research potential speakers and email the information to Town Planner Allen, who will then reach out to the Town Manager for approval.

C. Board Member Updates

Member Newman provided an update on touring the recycling plant. Town Planner Allen reminded the Board they need permission from the Town Commission for a group trip. Member Newman will tour on his own time and report back.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of future Board agendas: Whether to expand Board powers and duties as provided in Section 2-140 of the Town Code.

There was discussion about the duties and powers of the Board. Chairperson Nestle mentioned Town Manager Labadie’s email that was included in the packet. Town Manager Labadie believes the Board's current ordinance (Sec. 2-140) already grants them sufficient authority for environmental activities, provided they have Town Commission approval. However, the proposed changes would give the Board more autonomy, which could lead to challenges such as requiring more staff time, budget, and complicating oversight. Past experiences with misalignment between Board activities and the Town Commission's priorities suggest that careful oversight is necessary to avoid conflicts and ensure alignment with the Town’s goals, but he is open to discussion on the topic. Given this information the Board decided not to move forward with the changes.

B. Natural Resources Preservation Advisory 2025 Calendar Year Meeting Dates

Motion: Nestle/Shriberg – Moved to accept the proposed meeting schedule with the exception of August 6, 2025, which will be rescheduled to another date. The motion passed 6 to 0.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| November 12, 2024 | 1:00 PM | Special Magistrate Hearing |
| November 12, 2024 | 6:00 PM | Beachfront Property Evaluation Presentation at the Town Library |
| November 14, 2024 | 9:30 AM | Planning Board Regular Meeting |
| November 19, 2024 | 1:30 PM | Town Commission Meeting |

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM.

APPROVED at the February 05, 2025, Natural Resources Preservation Advisory Board Regular Meeting.

Signed Minutes on file in the
Town Clerk's Office

ATTEST:

Chairperson Barbara Nestle

Transcribed by
Jaclyn DeHart

Date: February 05, 2025

Jaclyn DeHart
Deputy Town Clerk

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