



**Town of North Topsail Beach  
Beach Inlet Sound Advisory Committee**  
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 10:30 AM  
Town Hall - 2008 Loggerhead Court, North Topsail Beach, NC 28460  
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*Members: Larry Strother (Aldermen Representative), Jason Stahr (At-Large), Ian Gerdes (Phase 1), Richard Grant (Aldermen Representative), Teri Ward, Charles "Rusty" Walker, Stephen Newbern*

*Staff: Alice Derian (Ex-Officio), Alexis Stanfield (Clerk)*

*Engineers: Chris Gibson (TI Coastal Engineer Advisor)*

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Larry Strother, Chair)**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approval of December 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Citizens have the opportunity to address the Committee for no more than three minutes per comment on any issue upon which the Committee has control.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Introduction of the 2026 BISAC Committee and Election of Chairman thru February of 2027- Mayor Grant
- B. Current Status of Shoreline Protection Projects- Manager Derian
- C. 5/30 Year Beach Plan-Current Status, Progress, Next Steps and projected timelines.- ChrisGibson, TI Coastal Engineering

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Richard Grant, Mayor  
Connie Pletl, Mayor Pro Tem



Alice Derian, ICMA-CM  
Town Manager

Aldermen:  
Kip Malcolm  
Mark Barefoot  
Laura Olszewski  
Larry Strother

Alexis Stanfield, NCCCC  
Town Clerk

**Beach, Inlet, and Sound Advisory Committee  
December 15, 2025  
Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Larry Strother, Mayor Richard Grant, Ian Gerdes, Teri Ward, Rusty Walker, Alice Derian, Chris Gibson, Alexis Stanfield

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Strother called the meeting to order at 10:30AM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ian Gerdes made a motion to approve the agenda. Teri Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rusty Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025, committee meeting.

**DISCUSSION**

**Committee Makeup**

Chairman Larry Strother has step down from his position as the Phase 5 representative and now holds the position of Alderman representative. Manager Alice Derian reported an advertisement had been placed in the paper for a representative of Phase 5 or an At-Large member. Chairman Strother announced everyone on the committee as of current will stay on the committee until 2027. Elections for a new chairman will take place at the February meeting for the committee.

**MANAGER REPORT**

Manager Derian reported the Shoreline Protection projects are still paused for turtle season but will resume the first week in January. The project is expected to be completed within three months. Derian informed the committee that Jenkins beach access is set to receive beach matting but is currently in the permitting stage. The repairs at Beach Access 43 at Marina Way have been completed. Access 46 across from Oyster Lane has repairs underway. Derian reported the Town is continuing to work with TI Coastal for phases one through three for the beach renourishment project. This project is currently in the permitting stage.

## **COASTAL ENGINEER REPORT**

Chris Gibson, TI Coastal Engineer, provided a map of the project plan for DA\_143. He reviewed for the committee and the public the proposed plan for the site. Gibson reported this is not a truck hauling project as there are more efficient methods available. Gibson answered frequently asked questions by the public and addressed concerns of the committee and public. He reviewed the different opportunities the Town has to receive reimbursement for the project. Gibson informed the public that sand from DA\_143 would be used to create a new dune structure as well as restore the upland beach / berm complex. Beach Phases one through three are underway. The Northern Dune will be a replica of the 2013 design. Gibson stressed that dune planting cannot be done without the beach, so renourishment of both the beach and dunes are vital. Gibson provided brief background information on DA\_143 and reviewed the pipeline route that will be used during this project. Gibson discussed the project magnitude, reviewed project costs, and updated the committee and public on what stage the project is at. He reported that the project is 90% complete on the design phase, 100% for the construction, and is currently waiting for permitting. Gibson reviewed the next steps for the project, including grant applications, permitting applications, etc. Gibson answered questions from the committee members.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Cody Edwards, St. Regis Contractor, asked if sand could be placed behind the sandbags at St. Regis. Chris Gibson responded no.

Liz Beckenham asked for clarification on which side of the dunes is the front and back.

Mark Barefoot asked about backfilling sand.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Strother announced the next BISAC meeting would be on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM.

Teri Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ian Gerdes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:47AM.