



**TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

5375 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949

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PITTS CENTER

Tuesday, May 02, 2023 at 5:30 PM

AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Amendments to / Approval of Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. Budget Amendment-Channel Markers
2. Minute Approval-emailed
3. Resolution #2023.05.01-Pledge of Support for the Lost Colony

Staff Reports

Deputy Town Manager/Planning Director

- o Monthly Permit Reports
- o Planning Board Update
- o HB 409 Update

Police Chief

Fire Chief

Town Manager

- o Seasonal Traffic Mitigation
- o Beach Nourishment Update
- o Ginguite Creek Channel Dredging

Town Attorney

General Public Comment (Limit: 3 minutes per speaker.)

Old Business

New Business

4. Discussion of Seasonal Traffic Mitigation
 - A. Consideration of Resolution #2023.05.02 No Cut thru Traffic
5. Consideration of Planning Board Appointment
6. Consideration of Historic Landmarks Commission Appointment
7. Town Manager's Recommended Budget FY23-24
 - A. Town Manager's Recommended Budget Presented (**copy distributed at meeting**)
 - B. Council Discussion of Budget Items

General Public Comment (Limit: 3 minutes per speaker.)

Council Business

Adjourn



Resolution in Support for The Lost Colony
Resolution # 2023.05.01

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* has been the Outer Banks' most prominent Heritage Tourism attraction for 85 years; and

WHEREAS, summer productions of *The Lost Colony* at the Waterside Theatre on Roanoke Island have entertained millions of visitors; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Roanoke Island Historical Association is to celebrate and depict the first English settlement in America on Roanoke Island and the birth of the first English child on these shores; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony*, based on a screenplay by North Carolina's Paul Green, first was performed in 1937, in the depths of the Depression, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt was among those who viewed the production that summer; and

WHEREAS, the show has been performed continuously for 85 years, interrupted only by World War II and the Covid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* should be an important part of our nation's 250th anniversary celebration in 2026; and

WHEREAS, we eagerly anticipate the 100th anniversary of *The Lost Colony* in 2037, just fourteen years from now; and

WHEREAS, *The Lost Colony* remains a vital and valuable part of the life and history of our community, Dare County and the entire Outer Banks;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Southern Shores Town Council expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Board of Directors of the Roanoke Island Historical Association for its hard work, and we pledge our continuing support for *The Lost Colony*.

This the 2nd day of May 2023.

A. Elizabeth Morey, Mayor

Attest:

Sheila Kane, Town Clerk



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY #4

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2023

ITEM TITLE: Discussion of Seasonal Traffic Mitigation & Consideration of Resolution 2023.05.02

ITEM SUMMARY:

Council and Staff will discuss seasonal traffic mitigation measures for the upcoming summer season and consider Resolution #2023.05.02

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2023.05.02 No Cut thru Traffic

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff would like Council's direction for traffic mitigation for summer 2023 and a motion to adopt Resolution 2023.05.02



**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES,
NORTH CAROLINA PROVIDING NOTICE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL ON CERTAIN
STREETS AND SPECIFIC DAYS DURING THE SUMMER OF 2020
(Resolution #2023.05.02)**

WHEREAS, the Town of Southern Shores (the "Town") may regulate and enact ordinances to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens under North Carolina General Statutes §160A-174; and

WHEREAS, the Town has general authority and control over and has the power to regulate the use of all public streets, sidewalks, alleys, bridges and other ways of passage within its corporate limits and may enact ordinances regulating the same under North Carolina General Statutes §160A-296 within the bounds of the North Carolina and United States Constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of the Outer Banks, including Dare County and its towns, Currituck County and the Town of Southern Shores, continues to grow, resulting in an ever increasing number of residents and visitors to the Outer Banks, particularly the northern Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, the volume of traffic traveling through the Town increases greatly on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer vacation season beginning approximately on Memorial Day and ending approximately on Labor Day (the "Summer Season") and the traffic traveling through Town increases each Summer Season; and

WHEREAS, a significant amount of the increased traffic travels from North Carolina Highway 158 ("NC158") along the southern border of the Town northward along residential streets, including South Dogwood Trail and Juniper Trail, to North Carolina Highway 12 ("NC12") to reach the northern border of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town's residential streets are all classified as local streets under the North Carolina Department of Transportation ("NCDOT") and Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") Highway Functional Classification. As such, they are not intended for use in long distance travel, except at the origin or destination end of the trip, due to their provision of direct access to abutting land and design to discourage through traffic; and

WHEREAS, the residential streets used for travel through the Town between the northern and southern borders of the Town were not constructed in such a manner so as to be able to safely and efficiently support the increased traffic volume due to their

narrow widths, low speed limits and the use of such streets by the citizens and visitors of the Town and their children for recreational purposes such as walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, the residential streets used for travel through the Town between the northern and southern borders of the Town were not constructed to handle the increasing amount of traffic and that such traffic will cause early deterioration of the roadways and increased maintenance costs to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the volume of traffic causes extreme congestion and delays for travel upon the residential roads within the Town such that homeowners are often unable to leave their driveways and police, fire and emergency response ability is often limited. Similarly, public works and other services of the Town are limited by the congestion; and

WHEREAS, in addition to congestion and delays, the increased traffic on residential streets often results in violations of set speed limits, running of stop signs and other traffic violations which create dangerous conditions for those drivers and their passengers as well as other users of the roadways including, but not limited to, pedestrians, cyclists and other vehicle drivers and passengers; and

WHEREAS, a substantial amount of the increased traffic upon residential streets within the Town is driven by mapping and traffic direction applications which use GPS, mapping data and real time traffic data to direct travelers upon the residential streets in an attempt to increase traffic flow for the application's individual users. In doing so, the increased traffic creates the public safety, navigational and infrastructure issues stated above and typically does not result in substantial benefits to the individual application user's travel time; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the future Mid-Currituck Bridge is to substantially improve traffic flow and reduce travel times to the northern Outer Banks for persons traveling from the Currituck County mainland; to reduce the amount of traffic coming through the Towns of Southern Shores and Duck to reach the northern Outer Banks; and to substantially reduce the hurricane and disaster evacuation time for citizens of and visitors to the northern Outer Banks; and

WHEREAS, the future of the Mid-Currituck Bridge remains uncertain and under the current best case scenarios will not begin to alleviate the substantial traffic through the Town for multiple future Summer Seasons; and

WHEREAS, NC12 and NC158 are the only roadways not classified as local roads within the Town and as such NC12 remains the most suitable means of motor vehicle travel through the Town from NC158 to the northern border of the Town and vice versa; and

WHEREAS, regulation and limitation of the traffic traveling between the northern border of the Town and NC158 by No Thru Traffic will increase the safety of the citizens and visitors of the Town and decrease the deterioration of the residential streets commonly used for travel through the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the public's health, safety, morals and general welfare that the Town of Southern Shores execute upon a plan to provide for No Thru Traffic during the Summer Season and provide notice of the change in traffic pattern to third parties and appropriate authorities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town has approved implementation of No Thru Traffic at the intersections of all Town Streets and NC158 and NC12 from the Friday before Memorial Day and Labor Day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all users of Town streets, neighboring jurisdictions and mapping and traffic application providers are hereby provided notice of the above referenced No Thru Traffic so that they may act accordingly.

Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2023.

A. Elizabeth Morey, Mayor

Attest:

Sheila Kane, Town Clerk



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2023

ITEM TITLE: Planning Board Appointment

ITEM SUMMARY:

Planning Board member Jan Collins was appointed as a regular Planning Board member on February 7, 2023 which created a vacant alternate position. Town Staff has received two applications from residents that are interested in serving on the Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Appointment of Mr. Zehner or Mr. Ries as an alternate member on the Town Planning Board with a term that begins immediately and ends on June 30, 2024.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Motion to appoint Mr. Zehner or Mr. Ries as an alternate member on the Town Planning Board with a term that begins immediately and ends on June 30, 2024.

**169 South Dogwood Trail
Southern Shores, NC 27949**

March 3, 2023

Mr. Cliff Ogburn
Town Manager
Town of Southern Shores
5375 North Virginia Dare Trail
Southern Shores, NC

Dear Cliff:

Attached please find a Board Volunteer Application for the Town's Planning and Zoning Board, together with a longer bio with publications. The publications are all available in pdf form on the RAND.org website (or I can email you the bio with embedded links).

While I haven't been involved specifically in municipal planning or zoning. I have spent a career in government and in policy analysis for governments, and managed large organizations and public funds. I'm happy to serve if you and the Council should need me to do so.

Warm regards,



Charlie Ries

BOARD VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Item 5.

DATE: March 3, 2023

Municipal Board(s), Commission(s), or Committee(s) interested in:

Planning and Zoning

NAME: Charles Ries PHONE: (HOME) 703-314-3438 mobile
PHONE: (WORK) _____

Email: charlie.ries@jmail.com

ADDRESS: 169 S. Dogwood Tr., Southern Shores, NC 27949

OCCUPATION (Past & Present)

Vice President, International (2009-2021)
Foreign Service Officer, US Dept of State (1977-2008)

EMPLOYER

RAND Corporation
U.S. Department of State

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

School(s)	Dates	Area of Study	Cert or Degree
<u>Johns Hopkins University</u>	<u>9/68-5/72</u>	<u>International Studies</u>	<u>BA</u>
<u>Johns Hopkins University School of Adv. Intl. Studies</u>	<u>9/71-5/73</u>	<u>International Economics</u>	<u>MA</u>

Specific experiences, training or interest, which you have that you feel would be useful in the work of this Board, Commission, or Committee: (Use additional pages if needed)

I have been in charge of budget, personnel and management of 55 U.S. Embassies in Europe (2000-2004)
I served as U.S. Ambassador to Greece (2004-2008)
I was in charge of U.S. assistance funding to Iraq during the surge, amounting to \$2.5 billion annually.
I led RAND Corporation's world wide policy analysis operations for foreign (non-US) governments (\$25m per annum) and its three overseas subsidiaries (UK, Belgium and Australia)
I have spent over 40 years either in senior government positions, or leading non-partisan, objective policy analysis for governments

Biographical Notes, Charles Ries:

Ambassador (Ret.) Charles Ries is currently Senior Fellow, Adjunct at the RAND Corporation. He served as Vice President, International between 2012 and 2020 overseeing RAND's three international offices, international client relationships and International Programs.

Joining RAND in 2009 as a Senior Fellow, Ambassador Ries' research has focused on the economics of development, transatlantic relations, decision-making, disaster recovery, the Middle East, and Europe. While on a leave of absence from RAND in 2010, Ries served as Executive Vice President of the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund. He was Director of RAND's Center for Middle East Public Policy (2011-12).

At RAND, Ries has been a co-author of a number of seminal studies on the intersection of economic development, post-conflict reconstruction and natural disasters, including *Improving the Energy Performance of Buildings Learning from the European Union and Australia*, *Ending the U.S. War in Iraq: The Final Transition, Operational Maneuver, and Disestablishment of United States Forces-Iraq*, *Building a More Resilient Haitian State*, *The Costs of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, *Alternatives in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, *Investing in the Fight: Assessing the Use of the Commander's Emergency Response Program in Afghanistan*, *Improving Decisionmaking in a Turbulent World* and *The Foreign Service and American Public Opinion*. He was lead author for the RAND/RAND Europe studies *After Brexit: Alternate forms of Brexit and their implications for the United Kingdom, the European Union and the United States* and *The End of the Beginning: Assessing the Potential Implications of Prolonged UK-EU Trade Uncertainty*.

Ries' three decades in the U.S. diplomatic service concentrated on economic affairs and Europe. During the Surge in Iraq, he served as Coordinator for Economic Transition at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad (2007–2008), responsible for oversight and coordination of assistance and economic policy initiatives. Before that, he was U.S. Ambassador to Greece (2004-2007), and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs (2000–2004). In earlier assignments, Ries was the Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in London, and Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at the U.S. Mission to the European Union. He served as Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for North American Affairs and was a member of the NAFTA negotiating team.

Ries is the recipient of the State Department's Cordell Hull Award for Senior Economic Officers, the Distinguished Honor Award, Presidential Meritorious Service Award, the Rockwell Schnabel Award for U.S.-EU Relations, and several

Superior Honor Awards. He is a member of the Academy of American Diplomacy. Ambassador Ries is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University (B.A., 1972 and M.A., 1973).

**TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES
BOARD VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

Item 5.

DATE: 2/10/2023

Municipal Board(s), Commission(s), or Committee(s) interested in:

Planning Board

NAME: Michael Zehner PHONE: (HOME) 404-643-7930

PHONE: (WORK) _____

Email: zehner.michael@gmail.com

ADDRESS: 12 Palmetto Lane, Southern Shores, NC 27949

OCCUPATION (Past & Present)

Director of Planning & Community Development

Director of Planning and Development

Planning Director

EMPLOYER

The Berkley Group

Town of Nags Head, NC

Town of Wellesley, MA

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

School(s)	Dates	Area of Study	Cert or Degree
<u>Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State Univ.</u>	<u>1995-1999</u>	<u>Political Science</u>	<u>B.A.</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Specific experiences, training or interest, which you have that you feel would be useful in the work of this Board, Commission, or Committee: (Use additional pages if needed)

I have been a professional planner and community development administrator for over 20 years, working for 6 municipalities in 4 states. Currently, I work as a consultant to municipal governments, primarily in Virginia, providing services related to future and current land use planning, zoning, and development.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: May 2, 2023

ITEM TITLE: Historic Landmarks Commission Appointment

ITEM SUMMARY:

Historic Landmarks Commission member Michael Guarracino was appointed as a regular Historic Landmarks Commission member on December 6, 2022 which created a vacant alternate position. Town Staff has received one application from a resident that is interested in serving on the Commission.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Appointment of Wanda Brett-Jordan as an alternate member on the Historic Landmarks Commission with a term that begins immediately and ends on February 3, 2024.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Motion to appoint Wanda Brett-Jordan as an alternate member on the Historic Landmarks Commission with a term that begins immediately and ends on February 3, 2024.

TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES BOARD VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

DATE: 2/27/23

Municipal Board(s), Commission(s), or Committee(s) interested in:
Historic Landmarks Commission

NAME: Wanda Brett-Jordan PHONE: (HOME) 252-261-4467

PHONE: (WORK) Cell: 252-216-7477

Email: wbrettjordan@yahoo.com

ADDRESS: 8 Fern Lane Southern Shores, NC 27949

OCCUPATION (Past & Present)

EMPLOYER

Middle School Teacher for 30 years
Taught Business Education and Social Studies
(History)

Dare County Schools

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

School(s)	Dates	Area of Study	Cert or Degree
<u>East Carolina University</u>	<u>8/78 - 1/80</u>	<u>General Studies</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>Elizabeth City State University</u>	<u>8/82 - 5/84</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>BS in Business Administration</u>
<u>Western Carolina University</u>	<u>9/93 - 5/95</u>	<u>Education in History</u>	<u>Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in History</u>

Specific experiences, training or interest, which you have that you feel would be useful in the work of this Board, Commission, or Committee: (Use additional pages if needed)

I taught for 30 years in Dare County. I started teaching in August 1991, when First Flight Middle School first opened. When I retired on January 1, 2019, I was the last remaining original teacher. I taught Business Education (keyboarding, excel, database, and multi-media). I also taught Social Studies (mainly NC History).

I was the first teacher from East of Raleigh to be awarded the Japan Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Japan for six weeks during the summer of 2012. There were over 2,000 applicants. I taught US History - concentrating on NC History. I am a North Carolina native, and my husband is a native of Dare County I have lived here for almost 44 years. Both of our children went through Dare County Schools. I feel that I know this area very well. I have always loved the flat top homes in Southern Shores. I feel that I could be an asset to the Historic Landmarks Commission. I am used to speaking in front of an audience and I love doing research work. I also have a concentration in Language Arts, which I feel like would be an asset to the board. If you have any further questions, I would be more than happy to answer them. Thank you for your consideration.