

AD HOC COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2026, 11:00AM

TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 321 CAUSEWAY DRIVE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Chair Partin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The following were present:

Committee Members

Vivian (Zeke) Partin, Alderman
Neal Braggi
Catherine Brunjes
Jim Smith

Staff

Robert O'Quinn, Planner
Lance Heater, Town Clerk

Guest

Nancy Fahey, WB Sea Turtle Project

MINUTES

Upon motion by Smith, seconded by Brunjes and carried unanimously, the minutes of the 2/18/26 meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATION STRATEGY

The Committee reviewed the communications and education strategy that had been shared by Braggi, with committee members adding suggestions to the proposed scope of effort.

REVIEW OF BEACH ZONE LIGHTING SURVEY

The Committee reviewed the report of the Beach Zone Lighting Survey that was conducted by Braggi and Smith on 2/25/26.

REVIEW OF DRAFT ORDINANCE

The Committee reviewed a proposed turtle protection section to the draft lighting ordinance that had been drafted by O'Quinn, using ChatGPT. It was noted that the purpose and need for the section needed to be moved to the front of the section and that definitions would need to be completed for relevant terms. After review, it was noted that O'Quinn would take the feedback received from the Committee and have a second draft prepared for the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee set the next meeting for 3/26/26 at 11:00am. Partin suggested that it might be desirable to have Bailey Hartsell, the Town's Communications Manager, attend in order to further review the communications and education strategy.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance G. Heater, Town Clerk