

## A D H O C C O M M I T T E E M I N U T E S

MARCH 26, 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

Janice McCarthy, WB Sea Turtle Project  
Miller Porter, WB Sea Turtle Project  
Kerri Allen, NC Coastal Federation

### MINUTES

Upon motion by Brunjes, seconded by Smith and carried unanimously, the minutes of the 3/11/26 meeting were approved.

### UPDATE ON STREET LIGHTING

Smith reported on his discussion with Duke Energy regarding street lighting, stating that he had emailed Duke to inquire about costs, operating costs and possible sources of funding for changing out the lighting to that which would not affect sea turtles. Smith stated he would be submitting information as requested by the Duke representative to follow-up.

### PRESENTATION FROM MILLER PORTER IN THE WB SEA TURTLE PROJECT

Miller Porter presented an educational PowerPoint presentation regarding the sea turtles and the impact of lighting on them.

### EDUCATION AND OUTREACH STRATEGY

Kerri Allen presented a preliminary strategy for sea turtle education and an outreach campaign.

### REVIEW OF DRAFT ORDINANCE

O'Quinn reviewed the latest ordinance draft, with the following being noted: 1) adding references to federal and state laws; 2) adding references to "other wildlife"; 3) including dates of sea turtle nesting season; 4) defining nighttime hours; and 5) changing the section title to "Beach Visible Lighting for Sea Turtle Protection."

### NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that it would finalize a draft ordinance for Planning Board review at its next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance G. Heater, Town Clerk