



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina  
Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**A. Call to Order and Confirmation**

Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Town Hall 2056 Middle St., all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been met.

Present were: Chairman Pat O'Neil, Committee members Carl Hubbard and Scott Millimet  
Staff: Fire Chief Anthony Stith, Assistant Fire Chief Amanda Hawver, Police Chief Glenn Meadows, Town Administrator Joe Henderson, and Staff Members Jason Blanton, Charles Drayton, Rebecca Fanning, and Bridget Welch.

**B. Confirmation of FOIA Notice**

All requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been met, and the press and public were duly notified pursuant to state law.

Media: None present

Public: Five (5)

**C. Action Items**

1. Discussion of process for regulating noise levels in neighborhoods.

Committee member Scott Millimet stated noise levels on the Island have increased in recent years with more people focusing on landscaping and having routine work done to maintain it. He believes the Committee needs to make a plan to mitigate this noise for the benefit of residents, possibly by limiting hours of use and regulating gas-powered machinery.

Town Administrator Joe Henderson stated there are currently no ordinances that regulate gas-powered machinery specifically, but there are some that regulate noise levels, specifically § 132.16. If Council would like to amend those regulations, they should lay out their goals. These can include reducing greenhouse gas emissions, promoting the use of electric leaf-blowers, lowering noise levels, mitigating complaints, and preserving the Island's natural aesthetics. Council could also identify use regulations, including a phase-out plan and a final cut-off date. Mr. Millimet agreed and feels regulating hours is the best plan and would like to

meet with staff, Council, landscapers, etc to address concerns and create a plan. Mr. Henderson also stated staff has been researching similar initiatives in other municipalities and these plans can take anywhere from six months to two years to implement. There was some discussion about these regulations applying to only commercial or both commercial and private use.

Committee member Hubbard commented he agrees with introducing regulations and there was more discussion about the parameters and planning of them. Mr. Millimet would like to see an eventual complete phase-out of gas-powered leaf-blowers. The Committee requested staff put together a list of potential residents and landscapers for an Ad-Hoc Committee address this.

**Public Comment:**

- Rochelle Rutledge, 1764 Atlantic Ave - supports the initiative to regulate noise and gave a few reasons why she feels this is important.
- Linda Selby, 2650 Middle St – supports the initiative and also stated there is an app available to measure noise decibel levels
- Clinton Carter, Flag St – supports the initiative and feels the noise is excessive, particularly in the mornings and while trying to work from home.

**Motion was made by Mr. Millimet, seconded by Mr. Hubbard, to request the Town Administrator collect a relevant, pertinent grouping of both residents and commercial operators to move forward on to a discussion mitigating noise from in this case, leaf-blowers, but maybe more broadly, passed unanimously.**

2. Police department redesign of patch logo.

Police Chief Meadows showed the current Police Department logo and presented the proposed new design. He would like to re-brand from the past department and has worked with a designer on the new logo. There will be at least one change to the patch, with the rotating angle of the crescent moon. The Committee asked questions and gave suggestions to work on for the final design, including potentially adding a Palmetto tree and/or dates.

3. Update on deployment of Meridian barricade.

Chief Meadows is considering the Meridian Group's archer trailer kit as a proposed new vehicle safety mitigation plan. They have offered to come do a live demo the kit for potential use at the Town's Fourth of July celebrations. The purchase has been put into the Capital Budget Plan for FY 2026. These barriers are safer than the current ones the Town uses and come with a lifetime warranty.

#### 4. Update on Saint Patrick's Day

Chief Meadows recapped the St. Patrick's Day event that was held on March 13, 2025. He went over incidents that occurred as well as the expenses involved. There were very few minor incidents and luckily no serious injuries.

Fire Chief Anthony Stith then provided a recap of the event, noting some suggestions for changes at future events, including stationing an officer at the ends of all fences surrounding the area, mainly to ensure people are not bringing in outside drinks, particularly in glass bottles. It was suggested to also add to not allowing for glass bottle to leave restaurant premises on any future special event permits.

**D. Adjourn.** There being no further public discussion or new business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:22 a.m.

**Motion was made by Carl Hubbard, seconded by Scott Millimet to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m., passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bridget Welch