

**TOWN OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND**  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, June 11, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.**

The Public Facilities Committee of Council met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Greg Hammond (Chair), Sarah Church and Tim Reese. Staff members present were Andy Benke, Jason Blanton, Mandy Hawver, Courtney Sottile and Anthony Stith. There were no members of the public present and no members of the media. This meeting was conducted via virtual meeting as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Chair Hammond called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

Staff Updates:

Town Property upkeep- Chair Hammond recommends sealing the doors shut at Battery Thompson, Battery Logan and the structures behind the mound due to safety concerns. He would like to see Battery Thompson be brought up to National Park Service Standards. That would require removal of any plywood structures that were added, removing the railings and painting the structures, removing power poles and converting to underground power (if necessary), removing architectural fencing separating the parking lot from the structure, fixing the gates and adding wrought iron gates (where needed) to prevent access to the structure. This structure is on the Town's National Register; therefore, demolition is not an option.

There are two shallow well lift stations on Jasper Boulevard near Station 25 Street. They are classified as a Sullivan's Island Historic Landmark. The pumps and pipes have been capped off, leaving the remaining structures untouched.

Former Town Hall- Chair Hammond recommends selling the property. Town Administrator stated that the back entrance of the structure is currently being utilized by the Police Department for vehicle maintenance and as well as for storage. Once the new maintenance shed is built, everything can then be converted over.

Stormwater/Discussion for FEMA Grant at Station 18 Street- The Town does not have a stormwater utility. The infrastructure and roads are all owned by SCDOT. It is their responsibility to maintain and repair stormwater drainage systems. Stations 18 ½, 19, 25 and 28 ½ are all good outfalls on the island. The Committee recommended requesting an extension for the FEMA Grant at Station 18 Street.



**Motion was made by Councilmember Greg Hammond, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church, that the Public Facilities Committee recommends to full Council to direct Town staff to prepare a Request for Proposal from engineering firms to perform a comprehensive Town-wide study of the Stormwater Infrastructure and prepare a Stormwater Management Plan.**

**Councilmember Greg Hammond requested to withdraw his motion. Committee accepts. Councilmember Sarah Church withdrew her second.**

The Public Facilities Committee unanimously recommends to full Council to direct Town staff to prepare a Request for Proposal from engineering firms to perform a comprehensive Town-wide study of the Stormwater Infrastructure and prepare a Stormwater Management Plan. This item will be on the June 16, 2020 regular Council meeting agenda.

Path Trimming- Council previously approved cutting 10 feet on either side of beach paths. The current challenge is cutting anything seaward of the setback lines. Town Administrator Andy Benke has been in contact with DHEC. Chair Hammond recommended to full Council to direct Town staff to put together a master plan in terms of beach paths. Councilmember Tim Reese agreed. Councilmember Sarah Church stated she does not think this item should be a high priority item and would rather each beach path be looked at individually rather than as a master plan.

Litter mitigation- Chair Hammond stated the litter on the island has gotten out of control. He would like this item to be added to next years' budget.

Road shoulders/State right-of-way- The Town is working on a Town-wide encroachment permit regarding road shoulders and State right-of-way. Stantec is working with SCDOT regarding the encroachment permit.

**Motion was made by Councilmember Tim Reese, Seconded by Councilmember Sarah Church, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Sottile