



## Town of North Beach Mayor and Town Council Town Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2023

**Location:** North Beach Town Hall

**Begin:** 7:01 PM

**Adjourn:** 7:49 PM

### **Mayor and Council Attendees:**

Gregg Dotson, Councilman  
Mary Healey, Councilwoman  
Mickey Hummel, Councilman  
Lauren Kabler, Councilwoman  
Paul Troncone, Councilman – via ZOOM  
Ken Wilcox, Councilman, presiding over the Meeting.

### **Absent:**

Mayor Mike Benton

### **Staff:**

Stacy Milor, Town Clerk  
Joanne Hunt, Town Treasurer  
Donnie Bowen, Public Works Director  
Dawn Richardson, Marketing and PR  
Rick Crump, Zoning Administrator  
Lisa Garrett, Community Conservation  
Phil Ashworth, Waterfront Manager

### **Agenda**

- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- Scheduled Appointments
- Public Safety Report
- Staff Reports
- Public Comment
- Ordinances and Resolutions
- Business Items
- Mayor and Council Reports
- Adjournment

### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

- Vice-President Wilcox called the Town of North Beach Mayor and Town Council meeting for March 9, 2023, to order at 7:01 PM. Vice-President Wilcox lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- Agenda Approval - **MOTION** made by Mickey Hummel to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Lauren Kabler. All in favor. **Motion carries.**
- Minutes from February 9, 2023, Town Council Meeting – **MOTION** made by Mickey Hummel to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Paul Troncone. All in favor. **MOTION carries.**
- Minutes from March 2, 2023, Town Council Work Session – **MOTION** made by Mickey Hummel to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mary Healey. All in favor. **Motion carries.**

**Scheduled Appointments**

- Ms. Nancy Valentine attended via ZOOM to present the FY 22 Financials.

**Public Safety Report**

- The Public Safety report is located on the Town website under Board Docs.

**Staff Report**

- All staff reports are located on the Town website under Board Docs. If there are any questions regarding any report, please contact the Department Head.

**Public Comment**

- Elizabeth Lawton –It was brought to my attention that I've neglected to put an item on the list that I turned in to you guys. So, this is it. I'm just delivering it. There's a question, a couple of questions about Sunrise Park. You have it all in your email box, and I'll just add it to the list. Ms. Lawton emailed her public comments to the Mayor, Town Staff, and Town Clerk.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

- Ordinance 23-02: Introduction of Ordinance 23-02: Town of North Beach Purchasing Policy. The Ordinance will be placed on the April 2023 Town Council Meeting Agenda for a vote.

**Business Items**

- No Business Items

**Mayor and Council Reports**

- Mickey Hummel – Thanked everyone for coming out. Burnt Oaks Homeowners Association will meet next Tuesday.
- Mary Healey – So we were supposed to have an environmental meeting last night. It got canceled due to some illness, so there's nothing really to report on that right now and then. Of course, Lisa did mention the trees in April that we'll be giving away to town, members or town residents, other than that, I just want to wish everybody a happy Saint Patrick's day next week, because, you know, you're all going to be Irish on St. Patrick's Day, and that's all I have.

- Lauren Kabler – I am going to give a quick update on the flood action plan. I reported last month that we had received a draft, and we'd asked Bayland to provide some plain language to the report to make this very technical document, a little easier to understand, for the layperson. So we did receive a revised version of the report from Bayland. It's looking a lot better, I think, There's a solid executive summary, which is, I find, very helpful. There's a lot more explanatory text throughout the entire report. There's a lot more narrative and transitions kind of explaining some of the more technical sections, so I think it's a lot easier to follow. We just received it 2 days ago, so I haven't read through the whole thing yet, but the committee is working on it. We're going to meet next week, go through our comments, and then send those final comments to Bayland. They'll turn it around, and we'll remain on track to share a final draft with the public in April at a public meeting.
- Ken Wilcox – Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Nothing further to report.
- Paul Troncone – Nothing major to report, so yield my time.
- Gregg Dotson – Thanked everyone for coming out. For the legislative committee, there is not a whole lot going on right now. The bill file date has passed, so that means we don't get as many bills to review. But this week we didn't have a meeting and we had a whopping 3 bills to review. I will recap them, quickly. The most important one is HB1273 and Stacy will appreciate this. It is regarding legal advertisement and legal notice publication in newspapers for newspapers in general circulation. As we know most municipalities do not have a local newspaper for publication, so the bill will allow for publications in digital newspapers. This requirement will fulfill the state requirements for publications. There was one bill we opposed and that was HB1104 – Voting Rights Act of 2023 for Counties and Municipalities. We have something in Maryland called Home Rule, and we do not want the State trying to dictate to us how we should run our elections. Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone.

### Adjournment

- **MOTION** made by Gregg Dotson to close the meeting at 7:49 pm. Seconded by Mary Healey. All in favor. **Meeting closes.**

Respectfully submitted:

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Stacy Milor, Town Clerk

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Kenneth Wilcox, Vice- President of Council