

Oak Island Stormwater Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2007

Members Present

Bob Zeid, Chair, Elaine Painter, Wendie Schneider and Susan Pierce, Secretary

Staff Present

John Michaux, Gene Kudgus

Visitors

None.

Quorum

Yes. Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM.

Old Business

1. The minutes of September 17, 2007 were approved.
2. Mr. Kudgus presented an update on the storm water study report. This study involves a comprehensive study of drainage problems on Oak Island. The report will detail problem areas, potential solutions, priority projects and costs. Any drainage problem that threatens a living area needs to be a priority. When the study started in November of 2006, there were 28 identified problem areas. Successful remediation has been conducted on 9 of those areas, leaving 17 known problem areas. As the study draws to completion, further areas may be identified. The success of remediation in the 9 areas has taught us some new approaches.
3. John Michaux reported on his successful presentations to all of the 5th grade science classes at Southport Elementary school.

New Business

1. There was a lengthy discussion of a possible presentation to town council on our work. It was decided that any presentation in January/February would focus on explaining, and potentially demonstrating, our website: oakislandcleanwater.org.
2. The rain garden workshop is proceeding toward its February 21, 2008 scheduled date.

3. Oak Island now has 30 rain barrels and a weekend workshop will be scheduled for early 2008. A demonstration rain barrel will be set up at the town hall and/or the recreation center.
4. Bob Zeid reported on plans to expand the website to have a "Kid's page/center"; our logo contest; and, potentially, the storm water study report and progress toward relieving problem drainage areas. Though there was discussion about adding construction BMPs to the website, the need to *first* coordinate with Development Services was stressed.
5. Handouts from our own Tree City USA committee were shared, as well as from the Stewardship Development of the Lower Cape Fear and the NC Community Conservation Assistance Program. Everyone agreed that these types of ideas parallel the focus of our public education efforts.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. Next meeting is December 17, 2007 at the Recreation Center. John Michaux will set up the EnviroScape at this meeting so that committee members can view.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan F. Pierce, secretary