

Minutes

Oak Island Stormwater Advisory Board

Meeting of January 15, 2007

Members Present:

Susan Pierce, Secretary; Bob Zeid, Co-Chair

Staff Present

Jim Mussellwhite

Visitors

Dara Royal, Town Council; and from the Tree USA committee - Clark Luikart, Jane Kulesza, Jean Harwell

Quorum

No.

Due to the absence of a quorum, no "business" was conducted.

An informal discussion was held with the Tree USA committee representatives about our joint interests and joint educational missions.

The role of trees in storm water control was highlighted. For immediate storm water runoff, trees with shallow roots that don't feed off of the water table are best. All trees, however, play a role not only in the aesthetics of our island, but also in absorbing ground water and thus preventing total saturation; and in creating a canopy to intercept rainfall.

Jim Mussellwhite shared that our website is not ready to be viewed as the content exceeded our allotted space on the server. Nonetheless, we will share the site with the Tree USA committee for their additions to our educational efforts.

This group has a joint interest in preserving the amount of pervious space on lots. Concern was expressed that the "buildable" space on lots will increase as the sewer is installed. Both groups expressed a desire to maintain existing 25 foot set-backs - both to preserve more trees and to retain storm water on site. Thus, it was recommended that members try to attend the planning board presentation this Wednesday, January 17th at 5 PM.

The group dismissed at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan F. Pierce, Secretary, Storm Water Advisory Board