

**TOWN OF DUCK  
PLANNING BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2022**

The Planning Board for the Town of Duck convened at the Town of Duck Public Safety Building on August 19, 2022.

Present were: Chair James Cofield, Vice Chair Joe Blakaitis, Marc Murray, Randy Morton, Tim McKeithan

Absent: None.

Also present were: Council Liaison Sandy Whitman, Senior Planner Sandy Cross and Duck Surf Rescue Director Mirek Dabrowski

Chair Cofield called to order the Special Meeting of the Planning Board for August 19, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Senior Planner Cross gave a quick overview as to the purpose of this special meeting. She advised that the Board would begin near the north end of town and drive beach stopping as needed for comments and/or discussion regarding the elevation of dune walkways. Senior Planner Cross asked Chair Cofield to provide any additional comments he wished to add regarding the purpose for this field trip.

Chair Cofield analyzed the differences between the beach and dunes in the nourishment area to the other areas of the Town's beaches. He stated that the dunes and walkways on the north side of town are very different than those on the south side and explained in the south side of Town at Bias Shores, the dunes have not changed in 20 years.

The Board entered the beach from the North at Station Bay and were driven south the length of Duck to Ocean Crest. Senior Planner Cross noted several relatively new community access ways

in Sanderling at the beginning of the trip. The nourishment area was noted as the Board passed Oyster Catcher down through to the USACE FRF property. The Board made stops at Olde Duck, Sea Colony, Tuckahoe, Bias Shores and Ocean Crest and had a discussion regarding the height of the walkways. At Bias Shores, it was noted by Chair Cofield that the walkway on the west side was at grade. Other members noted that the east side of the walkway/gazebo was elevated. There was also discussion regarding the elevation on the east side versus the west side of the dune, new construction and complete reconstruction versus repairs.

The last property noted was at 101 Ocean Crest Way. Senior Planner Cross noted that this house was a little more than a year old and the walkway met the 18” requirement at the time of construction and pointed out that the dune was already building around it. Chair Cofield commented that it would continue to do so.

Senior Planner Cross advised the Board that a SUP application will be presented at their September meeting in addition to discussion regarding the requirement for elevation of dune walkways which was the basis for this particular Special Meeting.

**Project Updates**

None.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Cofield adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ James Cofield, Chairman