

Agenda
Town of Duck Council Retreat
Paul F. Keller Meeting Hall
Wednesday & Thursday
February 16 & 17, 2022

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9:00 - 9:15 **Convene - Logistics**

9:15 – 10:00 **Updates from Vanesse Hangen Brustlin (VHB)**

Chris DeWitt
Candice Andre

Updates regarding the BRIC Grant (Living Shoreline, Sidewalk/Bike Lane & N.C. Highway 12 Elevation) Project, an Overview of the Duck Town Park Shoreline Protection Project, and an update on the Neighborhood Flooding Grant project.

10:00 - 10:30 **NCDOT Division 1 Update**

Sterling Baker, District Engineer
Gretchen Byrum, Division Program Delivery Engineer
Craig Midgett, Division Planning Engineer
Ronnie Sawyer, Division Maintenance Engineer

Updates and Q&A with NCDOT District leadership regarding current projects, including the Mid-Currituck Bridge, and other items of interest to Duck.

10:30 - 10:45 **Break**

10:45 - 11:45 **Traffic Study Follow-Up Discussion**

Joe Heard
Andrew Topp, VHB
Lauren Blackburn, VHB

This item is to give Council an opportunity to review the outcomes of the studies performed this past summer and to provide direction to staff for budget and planning purposes. Additionally, there is a request from the Sanderling Homeowners Association, to consider asking NCDOT to not increase the speed limit on Duck Road (north of Snow Geese) in the off season and leave it at 35 MPH.

11:45 – 12:45 **Lunch**

Cat Bowler, Currituck Sound Coalition
Erin Fleckenstein, NC Coastal Federation

Over lunch, Council will hear updates from the NC Coastal Federation and the Currituck Sound Coalition and have an opportunity for some Q&A with each presenter.

12:45 - 1:15

County Update

Chairman Bob Woodard, Dare County Board of Commissioners

Chairman Woodard will provide a brief update on County issues and respond to questions from the Town Council.

1:15 – 2:00

Department Updates

Public Information and Events – Christian Legner
Community Development – Joe Heard

2:00 - 2:30

Tents on the Beach

Sandy Cross

Staff continues to receive appeals from property owners and visitors that we consider disallowing commercially set-up “tents” on the beach in Duck. This agenda item will allow Council to hear from staff about this issue and provide staff direction for any desired changes in our ordinances.

2:30 - 2:45

Break

2:45 – 3:15

Surf Rescue Update

Mirek Dabrowski

Mr. Dabrowski, our surf rescue contractor, will provide an update regarding service provided during the past summer and plans for the coming summer.

3:15 – 3:45

Property Advisory Committee – Follow-up Discussion

This item is to allow Council to further their discussions from their December 1, 2021 and February 2, 2022 meetings regarding the formation of a Property Advisory Committee

3:45 – 4:15

Open Discussion

This item is to allow Council to have further conversations regarding items discussed and provide further direction as needed.

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February 17, 2022

9:00 - 9:15 **Re-convene**

9:15 - 10:15 **Beach Nourishment and Project Vesta Update**
Ken Willson, Coastal Protection Engineering
Dr. Grace Andrews, Project Vesta
Brian Ley, Project Vesta

Presentation from Ken Willson regarding the upcoming Beach Renourishment project, the Annual Beach/Dune Survey, and Rapid Beach Assessment Monitoring.

Dr. Andrews and Brian Ley will provide an update to Council regarding Project Vesta and their efforts to gain regulatory approval to place a small amount of olivine sand in the coastal waters off Duck. This sand provides for measurable carbon sequestration, and this pilot project will help gauge its efficacy for larger scale deployment with a goal of reducing atmospheric greenhouse gases. They are seeking a letter of support for their efforts from the Council.

10:15 - 10:30 **Break**

10:30 – 11:00 **Update regarding DUNEX and the US Army Corps of Engineers Field Research Facility – Duck**
Jessie Straub, Program Manager

Presentation from Jessie Straub regarding the current work at the Field Research Facility and, in particular, DUNEX. DURING Nearshore Event eXperiment (DUNEX) is a multi-agency, academic, and non-governmental organization (NGO) collaborative community experiment designed to study nearshore coastal processes during storm events.

11:00 – 11:45 **Department Updates**
Police – Jeff Ackerman
Fire – Donna Black

11:45 – 12:45 **Lunch**
North Carolina Representative Bobby Hanig

Rep. Hanig will join the Council for a working lunch during which he will update Council on the work of the General Assembly and have an opportunity for some Q&A with the Council.

12:45 – 1:30

Advertising, Communications, and Events (July 4th)

Christian Legner

Following some Council comments regarding communications, staff would like additional input and suggestions regarding our public information efforts. Staff also seeks direction regarding how to best use the funds budgeted for advertising. Lastly, staff is looking for Council input regarding the 4th of July celebration.

1:30 - 1:45

Break

1:45 – 2:30

Capital Improvement Plan and Financial Update

Drew Havens

Presentation regarding the first draft of the 2023-27 Capital Improvement Plan and a high-level financial update showing the current year budget performance and any other issues of significance and interest.

2:30 – 3:00

Open Discussion

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3:00

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