

**Minutes for the April 11, 2011 Cape Story by the Sea (CSBTS) General Meeting
at the Resort Conference Hotel submitted by David Williams/Todd Solomon**

Meeting Start: Called to order at 7:28pm by President Empsy Munden. 55 attendees were present.

Special Guest / Program– City’s Deputy Manager, David Hansen and City Coastal Engineer, Phillip Roehrs gave a presentation on the proposed Marina Shores Dredge Transfer Station. See Below for details.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Report: March 14, 2011 minutes were presented. **A motion to approve the minutes with no changes was made by Dick Brothers and 2nd by Mark Moore. Motion passed unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted by Dave Albis. \$13,756.65 total funds in Cape Story Accounts. \$2,864.30 in the Fireworks account. 119 members for 2011.

President: Empsy Munden reported on the following topics. The Andy Baan show on 1650AM had 2 shows about the transfer station. Thank you Andy. Lynnhaven Congregational Church will be holding a Spring Bazaar. Terry and Janet received VBCCO awards at the annual banquet. Thank you Terry and Janet. Cape Story will be putting together Easter Baskets for a couple families from Ft. Story. Help if you can, contact Empsy.

1st VP : Report passed to have time for presentation.

2nd VP: Report passed to have time for presentation..

Old Business Highlights – City’s Parks and Rec Department has installed a “Handicapped Beach Access” sign at Bayberry and Wake Forest Street identifying the Sandalwood ramp access.

New Business Highlights – The bat house has been installed at the entrance to First Landing State Park and there was a newspaper article about it.

Presentation:

Dick Brothers provided Cape Story background information on 1987 rezoning of Marina Shores property. CSBTS was told and believed that the site behind Maple Street would become a preservation area in agreement to build what is currently there.

David Hansen briefed the group on the history of the neighborhood dredging project. It started with a 300+ resident meeting at Bayside Rec Center to determine how to best aid the homes that need deep water dredging of local channels. Norfolk’s plan was used as a guide to create the Special Service District (SSD) program. 80% of the residents that have waterfront property within the SSD district need to agree to raise their property tax to cover the cost for 3 derdgings over a 16 year period. 11 neighborhoods are interested, 5 of these are actively working on process, 2 of the 5 have City created plans. The plans are listed at vb.gov.com. Originally the plan was to use just one permanent dredge transfer station at Crab Creek for all the neighborhood dredging. This was a bad idea. The City changed the plan to include 5 different sites to handle local zones. Not all projects will use one of the 5 sites, they may choose to use a residential site set up in one of the dredging recipient’s back yard. 5 sites are Crab Creek boat ramp, Marina Shores, PAHS/Recording Studio, Pep Boys, and Laskin Road. None of these sites has been constructed.

Phill Roehrs explained that there would be no truck traffic through Cape Story. A \$100k traffic light would have to be installed at the Lynnhaven Dr and N. Great Neck Rd. intersection. Hydraulic dredging cannot be used for this small channel dredging. CVB has an easement on the Marina Shores property access that allows for dredging operations. Basically there are no restriction to what type of dredging can take place at the easement. Operation estimate would be 16 trucks per hour (120-140 per day).

General Discussion and Q&A – Mistrust with City and Mrs. Livine-Higgs is a big reason the community doesn’t like this plan. Why support a small group of homeowners at the expense of a larger group that gains no benefit from the dredging project? VMRC and USACE will review JPA for State bottoms and navigational impact(no local public hearings on this issue). Councilman Jim Wood agreed to not accept the \$400k donation from Ms. Levine-Higgs and to have the City fund the construction. No City Council review of transfer station creation. Only public comment would be for each individual dredging plan.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:00pm **Meeting adjournment by general consensus.**