

**JUPITER INLET COLONY  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Jupiter Inlet Colony Town Hall  
50 Colony Road**

**LIVE AND VIA ZOOM**  
Meeting ID 585 628 8134

**02/09/2024**

**6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**1. Mayor Ed Hocevar Called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

**Roll call for the record:**

Mayor Ed Hocevar  
Vice Mayor Mark Ciarfella  
Commissioner Marie Rosner  
Commissioner Bill Muir  
Commissioner Sharon Seagren

Chief of Police Dan Kerr  
Town Administrator Kevin Lucas  
Town Attorney William P. Doney  
Town Clerk Ivelisse Chico-Randazzo

**2. Discussion: Beach Erosion – Action Update**

Mayor Hocevar provided an update on the beach erosion. He stated they are looking at what immediate action they can take, particularly for the homes, 11 through 16 Ocean. He stated they have access to sand from the Loxahatchee River District. He stated that they would also be meeting with a contractor and a coastal engineer, Dr. Mike Jenkins, who would be present at the next Commission meeting to participate on another update. Mayor Hocevar stated they would meet on Monday to discuss the immediate installation of sand. He stated that there has been a lot of discussion the rock revetment and it would be great to have it done now but the reality is that it does not seem feasible as the first course of action. Dr. Mike Jenkins is familiar with coastal properties who have endured category 5 hurricanes and they have not been able to short cut the process that is needed to go through for permitting for a revetment wall. The Town is still submitting paperwork for the permit and is doing its best to fast track it. Mayor Hocevar met with Commissioner Marino to discuss what the options are and they suggested the best course of action is what the Town is already doing, working with experienced coastal engineers who have navigated this before.

The current course of action would be to be able to add sand immediately. The initial concern was that any sand that was added would be washed away. Dr. Jenkins gave Mayor Hocevar some confidence that some sand may be lost but anything we do add is beneficial and this is low cost. Any temporary restraint that is put in for the sand is half

the cost of what the revetment wall would be. A general estimate for the revetment wall would be around \$2,000,000.00 for the entire wall. It would be 600ft from the end of 11 Ocean to the South Walkway.

Mayor Hocevar had some assistance with a resident who put him in contact with an attorney, who is a lobbyist, and she could assist to get access to the governor's office but it comes with a fee of \$10,000 a month retainer and it is not a guarantee. He asked if anyone knows of a better way to approach the Governor or leadership within the state to fast track the permit for the revetment wall or get quicker access to funding sources, he would be open to suggestions.

Resident Lori Jacobs asked if the Town applied for FEMA. She also stated that the homes on the ocean lost more property the night before. She said she may have a way to get in contact with the Governors office without it costing \$10,000.00 and for permission to make the call. Before she makes the call, she asked if any other politicians have been contacted and have made any indication of coming to the Town to see the damage. Mayor Hocevar responded that other than Maria Marino, no other politician has been contacted.

Mayor Hocevar stated he spoke with Bernie's brother Todd, and they are working through several options for access. The owner of Lot 4, was generous to allow the Town to use Lot 4 but there is little beach access to where the sand needs to go.

The revetment wall has been there since 1982 and up until this winter, people did not know it was there since it was covered with sand and vegetation. While it is unattractive now, it is doing its job and preserved the homes it is protecting.

A resident asked if the Town has money in the budget for the sand replacement and who would be responsible for that? Mayor Hocevar answered that there are emergency reserves and he did not think that the Town will be responsible for all of it, it would be a shared responsibility.

David Peck, 11 Ocean asked about the sand, how high, how wide and how far. Mayor Hocevar stated there is 10,000 cubic yards of sand which is unknown how it would be distributed but it would start at 11 Ocean and head south from there. The intent is to shore up the structures most effected from the erosion.

### **3. Wrap-up and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

Approved by:

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Mayor Ed Hocevar

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Date

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Town Clerk Ivelisse Chico-Randazzo

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Date

### **STATE MANDATED STATEMENT**

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