

Town of Sullivan's Island

**Town Council Special Meeting
Thursday February 25, 2016
Holy Cross Episcopal Church
2520 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and notification that the press and public were duly notified in accordance with State Law: Mayor**
- 2. Accreted Land Management Plan- Discussion of Transition Zone**
- 3. Public Comment – Time Permitting**
- 4. Adjourn – 7 PM**



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**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
PROTECTED LAND MANAGEMENT**

FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Agenda



Desired *Outcomes* for Tonight:

- Vote on motion describing plan for Transition Zone
- Send approved plan to Town attorneys to present to DHEC/OCRM attorneys requesting *approval for implementation of Transition Zone*
 - As presented
 - Or with DHEC/OCRM modifications

Meeting Process



Tonight's *process*:

- Overview of current combined proposal
- Item by item review with brief comments from each councilmember, unofficial sense of where we are on each item
- Review of majority positions on each item
- Public Comment
- Possible motion to approve a plan reflecting majority positions and to send that plan to attorneys for promotion to DHEC/OCRM

Meeting Overview



Points to remember tonight:

- **We are addressing**
 - Portions of the Town-owned Protected Land adjacent to residents
 - Portions of the Town-owned Protected Land adjacent to the Town's undeveloped portion of Bayonne Avenue (which is adjacent to residents) *and* that portion of Bayonne Avenue
- Transition zone is to address our *neighbor* responsibilities while not ignoring our *steward* responsibilities

Meeting Overview



Points to remember tonight:

- Whatever will be done to remove vegetation for the transition zone is more than is currently done for neighbors of Protected Land
- Transition Zone Plan is independent of management of the seaward balance of the Protected Land

Meeting Overview



Points to remember tonight:

- Town deserves an orderly, business-like meeting appropriate to the seriousness of our mission
 - Structured Council input portion
 - Structured public comments portion
 - Today is February **25**, not February **2**
- Let's don't let the *perfect* be the enemy of the *good*

Transition Zone Proposals



I. Remove all non-native invasives

Transition Zone Proposals



II. Two sub-bands: TWO ALTERNATIVES

A. 0-50 and 50-100

B. 0-40 and 40-100

Transition Zone Proposals



III. (0-50 or 0-40)

- A. Retain all trees ≥ 9 " DBH except cedar and pine
- B. Remove all underbrush and shrubs including myrtles

Transition Zone Proposals



IV. (50-100 or 40-100)

A. Retain all trees regardless of size

1. ALTERNATIVE: Retain all except those on “Fire-Wise” list
2. ALTERNATIVE: Retain only trees ≥ 9 ” DBH (which species?)

Transition Zone Proposals



IV. (50-100 or 40-100)

B. Understory and myrtles

1. Adjacent to forest (Need clarification/definition of that]

Clear out all understory, shrubs and myrtles

Transition Zone Proposals



IV. (50-100 or 40-100)

B. Understory and myrtles

2. Adjacent to shrubs, grasslands, other non-forest areas:

Remove $\frac{2}{3}$ or 70% or 75% of myrtles

CLARIFICATION: Which %?

CLARIFICATION: Which % of what -existing myrtle coverage or of area?

SUGGESTION FROM MEETING: Start by clearing out a percentage of *existing myrtle coverage*, maintain as a maximum percentage of *area* (PMO: Wording is important, denominator is bigger if we use area vs. existing coverage.”

ALTERNATIVE: Remove *all* myrtles

Summary of Proposed Plan

