

RESOLUTION 15-15
RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE UNDER THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is aware that the Town's sanitary sewer system, including the lift stations, may be unnecessarily vulnerable to failure and prolonged shutdown for repairs as a result of flooding due to moderate storm surge;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is aware that the sanitary sewer systems of other beachfront communities are subject to, and may have more effectively addressed, such vulnerability;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that this vulnerability of the town's sanitary sewer system poses a grave health and safety threat that could prolong the mandatory evacuation of the town resulting in significant dislocations in the lives of residents, homeowners and businesses and potentially enormous economic losses in the event of a hurricane or other significant weather event;

WHEREAS, it appears that town officials have been aware of this vulnerability and the enormity of the potential threat for over one year without formulating any plan to mitigate this vulnerability;

WHEREAS, the alternatives for and the costs of feasible mitigation plans are unknown or at best speculative, and given the enormity of the potential risk the Board of Commissioners needs information about alternative costs in order to make prudent budget and budgetary reserves decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Planning and Zoning Board ("P&Z Board") is directed to establish and oversee a subordinate advisory committee to be designated as the Sanitary Sewer Vulnerability Community Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee").
2. The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of: (i) two members who are regular or alternate members of P&Z (the "P&Z Members"); and (ii) three members who are residents of or homeowners in the town (the "Public Members"). All five members, including replacements filling vacancies, shall be appointed by a vote of P&Z, and shall serve at the pleasure of P&Z and/or the BOC. The Chairman of P&Z shall designate one of the P&Z Members as Chairperson and the other as Secretary

of the Advisory Committee. No member of the Advisory Committee shall be a member of the Board of Commissioners, an employee of the Town, or any contractor providing services to the town, or the spouse or domestic partner, sibling, child or parent of any of the forgoing.

3. The scope of the Advisory Committee's functions shall be to (A) review and assess the vulnerability of the Town's sanitary sewer system, including the lift stations, to flooding from storm surge; (B) provide estimates with respect to the level of flooding to which the system is vulnerable; (C) report on the types of potential failures related to pumps, controls and electrical subsystems to which the sewer system is vulnerable and provide estimates with respect to the time and cost required to repair such failures and return the sewer system to operation in the event of a flood; (D) report on the availability and methods or options available to secure the availability of replacement parts in the event of failure; (E) review and report on protective measures and emergency systems in place in other oceanfront communities in North Carolina that rely upon similar sewer systems; and (F) review and present, with recommendations, engineering and systems alternatives for mitigating the vulnerability of the Town's sewer system and preparing for the prompt recovery of that system in the event of a failure as a result of flooding.
4. The Town Manager and the heads of all Town Departments shall provide logistical support to the Advisory Committee and shall make the Town's employees and contractors available to the Advisory Committee to provide information and answer questions.
5. At the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners in February, a representative of the P&Z Board shall make a preliminary progress report, which shall include a schedule for the completion of the Advisory Committee's functions, a budget and request for any funding necessary to complete the Advisory Committee's functions, and an estimate range for the probable costs of feasible mitigation of the sewer systems vulnerability.

6. The Advisory Committee's term of existence shall be limited to the time period encompassed by the January, February, March and April regular meetings of the P&Z Board.

This the 8th day of December, 2015.

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk