

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: December 14, 2021

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Maggie Zeidman, Town Council President

Re: Shore Protection Board

Date: December 3, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Discussion regarding the Shore Protection Board is requested, along with direction from the Town Council in terms of the board's continued need and/or focus of its advisory capacity.

GENERAL INFORMATION

When the 10-member Shore Protection Board was established in 2008, its charge was to serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Council in the development of the 10-year coastal management program. Specifically, the Town Code includes advisory responsibilities on matters including, but not limited to, issues relating to beach nourishment, coastal armoring, the sand transfer plant, and matters relating to the town's Lake Worth Lagoon shoreline. In addressing these matters, the scope of the shore protection board's duties also includes long-term planning, budgeting, lobbying, public education, and intergovernmental coordination.

Since its establishment in 2008, the 10-year management plan has been developed and beach nourishment projects are now completed within the BMA framework. In recent years, board members have posed questions pertaining to the Shore Protection Board's duties and so have elected officials. The board has been meeting infrequently and was actually reduced to a 7-member body about 1 year ago. With 4 current vacancies on this board, I believe it is prudent to discuss its future prior to filling the vacancies.

For your reference, attached to this memo is the full section of the Town Code related to the Shore Protection Board.

Attachment

cc: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager
Carolyn Stone, Assistant Town Manager
Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works
Shore Protection Board