

**MINUTES**  
**DAUFUSKIE ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016**  
**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

I. Chairman Charlie Small called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The following Council Members were in attendance with a quorum present:

- ¥ Charlie Small
- ¥ John Schartner
- ¥ Janet Adams
- ¥ Tina Fine
- ¥ David Hutton
- ¥ Deborah Smith
- ¥ Steve Hill

Absent:

- ¥ Len Pojednic
- ¥ Chuck Hunter

II. Council Member Steve Hill reported on the Council's 2016 administrative meeting:

1. The following officers were chosen for the Council's 2016 session:

- ¥ Charlie Small, Chairman
- ¥ Chuck Hunter, Vice Chairman
- ¥ Dave Hutton, Vice Chairman
- ¥ Steve Hill, Secretary
- ¥ Tina Hill, Treasurer

2. 2016 committees will include:

- ¥ Government Outreach Committee, Chuck Hunter, Chair
- ¥ Ferry Committee, Steve Hill, Chair
- ¥ Roads Committee, Dave Hutton and John Schartner, Co-Chairs
- ¥ Daufuskie Island Plan Committee, Deborah Smith and Janet Adams, Co-Chairs

(Other committees may be created as the need arises.)

3. Council Member Deborah Smith will work on possible revisions to Council procedures and by-laws to be considered by the full Council.

4. Community volunteers are needed for the Sustainable Planning Team.

5. Council Meeting Day/Time Change: Beginning with the April meeting, the monthly Council meetings will be held at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The change from Monday to Tuesday was to avoid conflicts with the County Council meetings; the time change was to better accommodate the schedules of working residents and council members.

**III.** Chairman Charlie Small provided an update on the Prospect Road issue:

- ¥ Although the County Council had rejected a proposal to remove Prospect Road from County's Road Maintenance Inventory, the issue is not over.
- ¥ The Beaufort Council Council has requested that the Daufuskie community and Reed Dulany, the owner of the Eigelberger tract, work together to come with a resolution that is satisfactory to both sides.
- ¥ Following the County Council vote, most members of the DI Council met with Mr. Dulany who expressed concern about poaching, trash dumping, and partying on his property.
- ¥ Council members in attendance committed to educating the community about these concerns and to ask that such practices stop.
- ¥ Mr. Dulany continues to want to close the road and believes it is his right to do so. Rerouting of the road was one of the options put on the table.
- ¥ Dave Hutton, John Schartner and Deb Smith will meet with property owners who would be most impacted by a re-routing of Prospect Road to get their input on this option. Subsequent discussions will be held with other community representatives. The goal would then be to hold a constructive meeting with Mr. Dulany to see if there can be a satisfactory resolution of the issue.

Council Member John Schartner added that he and John Coulter had walked the surrounding properties to determine boundary lines and other issues relating to a potential road rerouting. John provided a map outlining the various properties and boundary lines.

There were a number of comments and questions from public members, including:

- Did Dulany know that road was there when he purchased the property?
- Will closing the road really stop the littering and hunting?
- Why doesn't the county step up and request prescriptive easements and Right-of-Ways through the court process?
- Do we know for sure that hunting and dumping of trash are still taking place? (Several responses were in the affirmative)
- Closing Prospect Road sets an unfortunate precedent for the island and even beyond, especially since approximately 95 percent of the roads are not owned by the county.

Council members assured public participants that the Council would continue to serve as the community's advocate on this issue and would keep everyone informed of developments.

**IV,** Don Newton, Chairman of the Community Preservation Zoning Association and a DI property owner, provided a brief explanation via speaker phone of his efforts to persuade government officials to consider Daufuskie Island to be eligible for Community Development Block Grants. He reported that:

- ¥ The grants in question are designed to improve economic opportunities and especially in low and medium income communities.
- ¥ Daufuskie was initially disqualified for such grants based on income eligibility.

- ¥ Mr. Newton felt that the census used for this purpose disadvantaged Daufuskie because it included the PUD populations, and he has asked for a new survey.
- ¥ Mr. Newton said he'd be happy to work with the DI Council on these efforts to bring needed infrastructure funds to the island's Historic District. He will be following up with Council Member Dave Hutton to coordinate activities.

**V.** Chairman Charlie Small reported that the Beaufort County Council had deferred consideration of the Bloody Point Redevelopment Plan and had sent the proposal back to the Natural Resources Committee for further review at its March 22nd meeting. He further reported that Council Tabor Vox was interested in more input by the Daufuskie community, and that the DI Council had the option of endorsing the plan, disapproving of the plan, and/or individual Council members could express their views directly to Vox.

Several public members voiced opinions on the BP plan, including concerns about the proposed density and whether or not the island's infrastructure could absorb the number of people, golf carts, etc.

Council Member Deborah Smith moved and Chairman Small seconded a motion that the Council remain neutral on the BP Redevelopment Plan. Charlie urged members of the public to contact County Councilman Vox about their views on this proposed plan.

**VI.** Council Member Steve Hill reported on two County developments of interest to Daufuskie Island:

¥ The County has released RFP #042196 for Daufuskie Island ferry transportation services.

¥ The RFP for the Daufuskie community restrooms were released by the County, but that the specifications did not take into consideration the challenges of a bridge-less island. Two responses have been submitted, and the bid amounts provided by the contractors ranged between \$300,000 and \$500,000. Steve and Councilman Chuck Hunter will be meeting with county staff to ask for a revised RFP that is more "Daufuskie-friendly."

Steve also asked for a show of hands to indicate what priority order the 3 different restrooms projects should have in the opinion of those attending the meeting. The consensus appeared to be that the order of priority should be 1) the County dock restrooms; 2) the Beach Road/Bloody Point beach restrooms; and 3) the Francis Jones Community Park project restrooms.

**VII.** Chairman Small asked for any additional public comment. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted by Deborah Smith on March 21, 2016

