



## STAFFORD COUNTY COASTAL PRIMARY SAND DUNES BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 30, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Board Chambers | George L. Gordon Government Center

#### A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by Chair Henderson

#### B. Roll Call

Members Present: Sue Henderson (Chair), Mary Rust (Vice-Chair), Anthony Pineau, Dan Adams, Robert Hayden, and Benjamin Rudasill

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Joe Fiorello, Emily Torrey, and Savannah Carabin

#### C. Determination of a Quorum

A quorum was established with 6 of the 6 members present.

#### D. Election of Officers

##### ➤ Election of a Chairman

Ms. Henderson called for the election of officers, starting with the nomination for the chair position. Mr. Rudasill nominated Ms. Henderson, which was seconded by Mr. Hayden. Ms. Henderson was unanimously elected as the chair.

##### ➤ Election of a Vice-Chairman

Ms. Henderson called for nominations for the Vice Chair position. Mr. Pineau nominated Ms. Rust, and Mr. Rudasill seconded the nomination. Ms. Rust was elected as the Vice Chair unanimously.

#### E. Approval of Meeting Minutes

None

#### F. New Business

Mr. Pineau raised a question regarding the availability of a GPS map that identifies the locations of sand dunes in the county. Ms. Torrey responded, stating that she hadn't come across any information regarding such a map. Ms. Henderson inquired about the sandbar on the Rappahannock at the Falmouth bridge, asking if it could be considered a sand dune, but clarified



that it was the only sandy area she knew of. Mr. Fiorello expressed his lack of knowledge about any designated areas of primary sand dunes along the shorelines of Stafford County. He explained that sand dunes can appear and disappear naturally based on environmental factors, and if a situation meets the definition of primary sand dunes, then an area can be identified. However, there hasn't been a comprehensive assessment of the shoreline to determine the presence of sand dunes. Mr. Pineau confirmed that the identified line does not qualify as primary sand dunes. The potential impact of rising sea levels on the existence of sand dunes was discussed. Ms. Rust mentioned the possibility of sand dunes being present but not visible. There were some indications that certain areas in the county had sand dunes, although Ms. Henderson pointed out that Marlborough Point was not one of them. Ms. Torrey suggested that sand dunes were likely to be found closer to Aquia due to tidal influence and shallow conditions. Mr. Fiorello recalled seeing hints of sand dunes in the southeastern part of the county. Mr. Hayden mentioned that the State Park had a new barrier and had brought in sand. Ms. Henderson pondered whether the State Park could be considered the sand dune they were discussing.

G. Old Business

None

H. Chairman's Report

None

I. Staff Report

None

J. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Hayden made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams. The Coastal Primary Sand Dunes Board meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.