I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL
   1. Members introduced themselves.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
   1. Mr. McCracken moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Mr. Burden seconded the motion. Unanimous ayes.

IV. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 MEETING MINUTES
   1. Mr. Burden moved to adopt the Minutes as presented. Mr. McCracken seconded the motion. Unanimous ayes.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
   1. Mr. Michael Covert, Beaufort County Council District 7 Representative, stated he would speak regarding the proposed county plastic bag ban ordinance during Agenda item 6.3.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Election of Officers
      The Committee chose to post-pone the election of officers until all committee members were present.
   2. Long-term and Precise Monitoring of Water Quality, Fish Reproduction, and Bottlenose Dolphin Abundance in the May River, SC – Dr. Eric Montie
      Dr. Eric Montie, WAPAC committee member and professor at the University of South Carolina Beaufort, presented his May River research findings.
   3. Reducing Plastic Pollution in the Lowcountry
      Mr. Michael Covert, Beaufort County Council District 7 Representative, briefed the committee with regards to County Council’s consideration of a plastic bag ban ordinance.

Following discussion, Mr. Burden made a motion to have Rikki Parker, Project Manager for the Coastal Conservation League, present information on the proposed plastic bag ban to Town Council. Mr. McCracken added that the current ordinance under consideration by County Council be included as background for Town Council. Mr. Montie seconded the motion. Unanimous ayes.
VII. OLD BUSINESS
   1. Microbial Source Tracking (MST) Update
      The agenda was modified to allow time for Ms. Jones to present agenda item 8.1
      prior to Ms. Lewis’ water quality updates. Time constraints did not allow for
      water quality updates to the committee.

   2. SC DHEC Shellfish Data (standing item)
      Time constraints did not allow for water quality updates to the committee.

VIII. DISCUSSION
      Ms. Jones presented the Watershed Management Division’s current work plan.
      Ms. Jones requested the committee provide recommendations on priorities Town
      staff should undertake over the next two fiscal years. The following is a list of
      items recommended by the Committee.
      1. Sewer Extension & Connection within the Town
      2. Update the May River Watershed Action Plan
      3. Implementation/refinement of the MS4 program
      4. Establish new partnerships (e.g., USCB, USGS) to perform in situ long-
         term monitoring of climate change endpoints such as depth (sea level
         rise), rainfall, temperature, salinity, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, pH,
         and possibly chlorophyll and dissolved organic matter.
      5. Establish new partnerships (e.g., USCB) to perform long-term
         monitoring of natural resources in the May River.
      6. Ensure development standards are current with “state of knowledge” at
         the Town and County level to protect water quality, e.g. adequate
         buffers, smart growth, etc.

   2. Proposed 2018 meeting dates, time & location
      The committee made a motion to expand the WAPAC committee by one (1)
      seat. Unanimous ayes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
   1. Mr. Burden moved to adjourn. Mr. Montie seconded the motion. Unanimous
      ayes.

   Next Meeting Date: November 30, 2017 @ 10:00 AM