Present: Larry Toomer, vice-chair; Emmett McCracken; Al Stokes; Eric Montie

Absent: Wes Jones; Chris Burden

Staff: Kim Jones; William Baugher; Beth Lewis

Guests: Fred Hamilton, Town Councilman; Rikki Parker, Coastal Conservation League; Eric Larson, Beaufort County Director Environmental Engineering & Land Management; Christopher Inglese, Beaufort County Assistant County Attorney; Larry Hughes; Bioassay Lab Initiative

Media: None

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. Stokes seconded the motion. Unanimous ayes.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT
   1. Mr. Larry Hughes updated the Committee on the progress of a Regional Bioassay Laboratory located in Beaufort County.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
   1. Election of Officers
      The Committee chose to post-pone the election of officers until all committee members were present.
   2. Reducing Plastic Pollution in the Lowcountry
      Rikki Parker, Project Manager for the Coastal Conservation League, presented a proposed plastic bag ban/plastic bag fee throughout all of Beaufort County. The Committee chose to post-pone a motion to forward to Council until the next Committee meeting when more members would be available for the discussion.

VII. OLD BUSINESS
   1. Microbial Source Tracking (MST) Update
      Ms. Beth Lewis presented MST sampling data for locations sampled in the headwaters of the May River and within Old Town Bluffton.
   2. SC DHEC Shellfish Data (standing item)
      SCDHEC sampling data for stations 19-19 to station 19-16 was presented. Ms. Lewis utilized FDA standards to provide the data in the 90%ile and Geometric
Means. This FDA methodology mimics that used by SCDHEC thus, giving the Town a better understanding of the data/predictions.

VIII. DISCUSSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

1. Mr. Stokes moved to adjourn. Mr. McCracken seconded the motion. Unanimous ayes.

Next Meeting Date: October 26, 2017 @ 10:00 AM