



MINUTES  
TOWN OF JUPITER  
ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE (ETF)  
TOWN HALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
October 28, 2024  
6:00 PM

Call to Order

**ROLL CALL:**

Chair Willie Puz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member Beth Summers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice- Chair Christina Akly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member Paul Kabalin (Alt)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Christa Cherry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member Jill Watson (Alt)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member Emily O'Mahoney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Anne Shoffner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Staff Liaisons: Barrett Cruce, Natural Resources Supervisor  
Stephanie A. Thoburn, Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

All non-agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak is asked to go to the podium and state his/her name and address for the record. **The Task Force will not discuss these items this evening.**

No comments submitted

**MINUTES**

Approval of the July 22, 2024 ETF Meeting Minutes [Attachment 1]

Minutes were approved with no changes

Motion to approve: Jill Watson

Second: Christina Akly

Member Emily O'Mahoney abstained

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

- Jonathan Dickinson State Park- Letter from Town Council [Attachment 2]  
Staff provided a brief update regarding the letter from Town Council that was sent to Tallahassee.

Staff, Barrett Cruce, provided information on the letter from Town Council to the State.

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Anne: Does the amendment regarding the right to hunt and fish have any impact on how they will use this land in the future? Staff advised that the Town cannot make a comment necessarily on this topic. Chair Puz provided some insight that he has heard on the topic and advised when the next legislative session begins.

Member Akly inquired as to whether the Town had any authority over what happens at Jonathan Dickinson State Park, staff responded that the Town of Jupiter does not have any authority over the park.

Anne asked how this letter came to fruition? Staff advised that this is a stance the Council took. Chair Puz discussed the citizen comments from the Council meeting where it was requested by citizens to have Council provide a letter to the State.

## 2. NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant – Letter of Support [Attachment 3]

Staff, Ashley Reeves, provided an update and status of the grant. Advised that this will be our third attempt. Staff has requested the task force review the draft letter of support.

O'Mahoney asked if we have received the grant in the past?

Anne: Did the Town ask why they were rejected?

Ashley confirmed the Town has received feedback and met with the NOAA regional coordinator to discuss what is needed for the next grant cycle.

Puz asked if the Town would need to submit the initial letter and then additional letters to enhance the chance to receive this grant. Staff advised that there is a limit on pages to be submitted, but additional letters can be submitted as attachments.

O'Mahoney discussed the living shoreline upland update as it relates to the different historical artifacts discovered. She wanted to clarify that the Town is preserving these archaeological resources and this argument be considered to be used during the application process.

Anne stated that the argument needs to be recognizing the importance of not disturbing archaeological resources while still preserving the upland and living shoreline.

Staff advised that there is not a time constraint as of yet, dates are expected to be announced later this year.

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O'Mahoney suggested that the letter for support include all the Environmental task force members names and titles for their work in the industry. Anne volunteered to help draft and prep the letter of support with the caveat that she would need to review the application requirements and design plans.

3. Centennial Natural Environment Committee Workshop – discussion of ETF member event participation and engagement [Attachment 4]  
Staff introduced Jocelyn O'Neil (LRD) and Cami Cunningham (JID), members of the Natural Environment Centennial Committee.

Staff provided a brief update on upcoming Centennial events for those members that were not at the last meeting. Staff is looking for the task force to be involved with the different events that the Town will be hosting.

Staff requested the task force opinion on two open spaces to showcase for the centennial year. Chair Puz suggested that the task force consider the overall connectivity and accessibility.

Akly brought to Staff's attention that the Town's website does not have the Town's open spaces listed on the Town's website and it is not easily accessible. Staff is aware and will be fixing the issue and update the task force once this has been completed. Multiple task force members suggested updates to the open space webpage to include easier access and pictures.

Task force agreed to highlight Jones Creek Hammock and Delaware Scrub open spaces for next year's celebration.

Staff discussed the Natural History Bus Tours, presentation and panels, beach cleanup, arbor day celebration, and paddleboard / waterway cleanup programs and request task force member involvement at each event. List the dates, times and needs for each of the events. \*\*be clear to explain what the ask is for these events \*\* Staff to send out the PowerPoint presentation to the task force.

Akly suggested reaching out to some of the book authors that have written historical books about the area to include on the panels/presentations.

Staff will be sending an email for sponsorships and include a list of the items that need to be sponsored for this specific task force.

O'Mahoney reached out to Kate Pokorny for sponsorship opportunities and is waiting for a response. Staff will reach out and follow up.

4. Vulnerability Assessment Update

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Staff confirmed Utilities has started the process for the assessment and advised that it will take roughly a year. Once it has been completed Utilities will attend an ETF meeting to present the findings.

5. Task Force Member comments

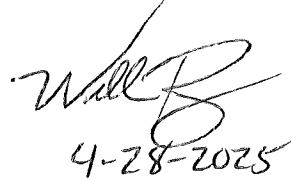
Beth Summers asked what is the expectation for task force members to attend the different centennial events. Ashley provided a brief explanation of expectations and confirmed she will be sending more detail in the list that will be email out to the task force.

6. Staff comments

Barrett advised that he reached out to Parks and PW regarding the request for the glyphosate testing. This is currently not part of the Town's maintenance, but our new landscaping contract will begin testing. Staff will provide the results once we receive them.

7. Next meeting December 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall Community Room

**ADJOURNMENT**



A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date "4-28-2025" written below it.