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Town of Cranberry Isles Comprehensive Planning Board Meeting

August 25, 2026

Meeting called to order at 17:03

Attendees: Olivia Jolley, Jeff Pease, Katelyn Damon, Greg Piduch, Sharon Morrell, Erica Merrill, Peter Buchsbaum, Sarah Bassett, Don Weinreich, Pixie Lauer

Review and Approval of minutes from 7/28/26.

Motion to approve minutes as presented by Katelyn.

Second by Erica

Motion approved unanimously (Don W abstaining)

Chapter: Marine Resources (Olivia)

- Commercial Fisheries discussion on date of islands wide residence licenses.
- Discussion on local license process and parameters.
- Exact number TBD (Katelyn will work on this.
- Discussion on Shellfish review of ordinance and ordinance rescission.
- Discussion of overharvested resources (urchins, clams, etc) and those resources that have diminished for other causes, like Muscles
- Changing water temps effect on resources

- All of the factors and their effect on island fishing economy
- Public/private boat yards
- o Listing of all and designations
- Water quality testing? Unknown if it is undertaken officially or just on an as needed basis.
- Discussion of issues of concern held over from last Comp Plan.
- Licenses – official numbers don't jive with the actual numbers. Katelyn will look into this.
- We reviewed the action list from the last comp plan to see what activity was recommended and what actually happened.

The HCPC will hold a Priority Event on the islands on 9/24 (evening event on Islesford) & 9/25 (morning event on GCI). They will distribute flyers and info closer to time. These will be public events using the information we obtained from the last event and the surveys (89 surveys submitted to date). There will also be a zoom session option for the following week.

Main priorities identified so far: Housing, Population, Transportation, Climate Change, Maintaining Island Characteristics.

Chapter: Transportation (Greg)

- Review of last Comp Plan – road changes, amount/type
- Areas of concern: traffic, number/type of vehicles, parking, boat schedules, ferry service
- This discussion was somewhat abbreviated due to time constraints. There are a lot of notes on the document to work with.
- Discussion was held on junk cars, traffic laws/accidents/violations.

Meeting adjourned at 18:45

Next meeting 9.22.2026

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Morrell

8.26.2026