

**Minutes Daufuskie Island Council Meeting
June 16, 2014
Mary Field School, Daufuskie Island, SC**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30. Board members in attendance: Janet Adams, Mike Davis, Mike Loftus, John Schartner, Charlie Small, Jody Smith. There were 14 island residents in attendance.

Charlie Small opened with meeting with some housekeeping items.

Gary Kubic has said that he will act as Daufuskie's advocate to the Beaufort County Council, making sure that our minutes reach that body.

Karen Opderbeck has offered to take minutes for the June and August meetings.

The Daufuskie Island Council needs to act as a professional body representative of the island. Toward that end, by the end of the year, we need to put together a slate of candidates to run for the Island Council at the next election early in 2015. That slate should cut across all communities, races and genders.

The Island Council needs a Vision Statement. Charlie Small will put together a working group to develop a Vision Statement by the end of the summer.

Tony Crisciatello of Beaufort County Planning Department is the liaison between the Daufuskie Island Council and Beaufort County Council. He will be invited to attend the August meeting which will take place on the 18th.

Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation Award:

Charlie then called on Sara Deitch to make a special announcement that would be of particular interest to the community. Her announcement was about the Daufuskie Island Historical Foundation being presented with a Stewardship Award in Columbia by Governor Nikki Haley. As the governor passed through the crowd congratulating the attendees, when she came to Sara, she asked Sara how things were on Daufuskie and that she had heard there were some problems. She asked Sara if there was something that Daufuskie needed. Sara said that Daufuskie needs a reliable, affordable ferry service. Governor Haley asked if our council is behind us. It is unknown whether she meant our county council or our island council. The attendees were excited to hear of this exchange.

One Island Waste Facility Briefing:

Karen Opderbeck of the Daufuskie Island Conservancy gave a briefing on the status of the One Island Facility for Waste and Recycling on Daufuskie. See the attached. Questions from the audience: Is the Melrose Transfer Station area large enough to accommodate future expansion as the island grows? Answer: Our Joyce Engineering Integrated Services Study says it is. Has the county figured out how to work within the public/private model? Answer: The County is accustomed to building one type of Citizen's Convenience Center. We would like the county to work with waste professionals and interested parties on Daufuskie to see if this model can be made a reality. We believe that if this could happen, it would be a positive PR event for the

county to have been involved in a progressive, modern, sustainable waste solution as well as a great benefit to Daufuskie residents and businesses. It would also meet the recommendations of both the 1985 and 2010 CP plans to consolidate waste in a single facility on the island. The location of this facility must be resolved. Charlie Small announced that Mike Loftus, a member of the Daufuskie Island Council, will be the liaison with Bill Scott of Dolphin Shared Management, the owner of the Melrose Transfer Station, to see if he can bring a business arrangement between Dolphin and Beaufort County to a close.

Walking Trail Update:

Charlie Small gave an update on the walking trail to be located in the park area. A SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism grant for \$98,000 has been awarded as well as \$20,000 from Beaufort County. Charlie asked (who??) if the community would have input on the walking trail. He was told that the community would not because the planning was already done and the project is too small.

Road Clean-Up:

There have been complaints about the conditions along our roads. The grass is high and there is litter. Len Pojednic gave credit to the Daufuskie Island Conservancy for its Adopt A Road activities and noted that road side appearance is much better than it would otherwise be. However, the question of who is assigned to mow the roadsides was raised. Mike Loftus reported that roads with green name signs are county roads and roads with blue name signs are private. Mike spoke with Greg Hutton, the county employee on Daufuskie, to ask him whether he has the equipment he needs to maintain the roadsides. Greg reported that some areas require hand mowing and he doesn't always have this equipment. Mike will meet with Greg later this week to get more detailed information about what he needs. If more action is needed, he will go up the chain up authority in the county. Eileen Pojednic added that she and her husband had recently cleaned up several roads and three days later, they had litter again. It was concluded that both tourists and residents contribute to the litter. There was a brief discussion about whether we could get Freeport Marina to outfit their rental golf carts with litter bags. Another suggestion was to put out signage reminding people not to litter. The question of whether we could have public trash cans came up as well as the disappearance of the trash cans that used to be at the beach (near Sandy Lane?)

Daufuskie Island Council website:

Janet Adams reported that she is working with Meghan Cowart, an island resident, to recreate the Council website since it had lapsed.

Hurricane Season:

Chuck Henry, a member of the Fire District Board, reported that with hurricane season upon us, there will be a meeting this coming Thursday of key people on the island to get organized for the season. The Fire Department will be taking the lead on that.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 18th.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Opderbeck

