



The Town of Bowers

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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm on March 12, 2026 by Mayor Puzzo. Council members present: Chris Telles, Shirley Pennington, Bob McDevitt and Jay Apicelli.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Minutes: Motion to accept February by Bob and seconded by Chris. All in favor

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept February Treasurers report by Bob. Seconded by Chris. All in favor

GRANTS and PROJECTS

North Bayshore Drainage: Reported by Ada and Chris.; The Public Notice is out. Updates to DNREC have been submitted. An extension for the Federal Wetland Permit will be filed. The plans for the drainage are in the Kiosks in town.

UD Flood Risk Reduction Feasibility Study and Preliminary Engineering Report: Ada reported things are going well with the feasibility study. We are working with Verdantas Engineering.

Shoreline Public Access: This is the eligibility for dredged sand from the Army Corps of Engineers. The "Big Sand Project." Town will submit its access plan to DNREC on March 16, 2026. Included are; access to the beach, public bathroom, signage, parking and other amenities. The plan was written by Chris Eisenhardt

NOTE: Chris suggested we move the new bathroom by the museum to the park. Having the bathroom in the park would give us an opportunity to monitor it's use. Save money on a porta potty's for music nights in the summer, and the Buccaneer Bash. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation: No Report

Town Events: No Report

Planning Committee: No Report

Public Water: Report was submitted in July, awaiting approval by EPA.

Code Enforcement: No Report

Board of Adjustments: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Museum: On March 18th a fund raiser will be held at Applebee's restaurant. On April 26th There will be a Pancakes and Pirates Breakfast at the Fire Station. Memorial Day weekend the Buccaneer Bash.

Resident Topics: No Report

Council Comments: Jay -Election in August 2026. The Town will be voting for two (2) Council Member seats and the mayor. Shirley and Marylisa will help with election at the Fire Dept. Call for volunteers to assist with elections.

Ada proposed the hiring of an intern from the University of Delaware. After of discussion of duties it was agreed we would like the intern to work on the town webpage and other duties as assigned. All in Favor.

Chris reported on a private grant opportunity with Verdantas Engineering. The grant is in regards to a Climate Initiative to bring the marsh back to health. The study includes: marsh topography, drainage, and soil study. We have submitted a letter of support. There is no cost to the town.

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm by motion made by Chris and seconded by Shirley. All in favor

The next town meeting will be held on April 9, 2026 starting at 7:00 pm and will be in person meeting as well as Zoom

Town Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month unless changed by the mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Apicelli

Secretary